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HAPPY NEW YEAR

IN THIS great land of ours with peace and prosperity prevailing, the phrase "Happy New Year" is being echoed by millions of people, expressing a sentiment that is different from any other that we may offer to each other during the year.

It is an expression of good will and of hope. It is the one universal greeting meaning the same in all languages and expressed by all mankind. The world over men of all races, creeds and nationalities join in extending to each other this message of hope that the coming year will be a good one.

On this New Year's Day of 1957 I am happy to have the privilege, on behalf of the officers of the American Numismatic Association and staff of *The Numismatist*, of extending New Year's Greetings to all our members, wherever dispersed and of whatever race or creed. May God's blessings be given to all of you.

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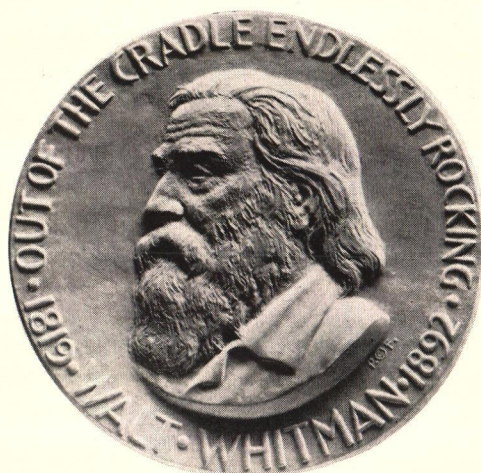
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SOCIETY OF MEDALISTS ISSUE



The 54th medal in the series issued by the Society of Medalists is the work of Paul Fjelde, Minneapolis-born sculptor who has made numerous memorial tablets and medals in addition to many statues, bronze panels and a variety of architectural sculptures. The medal commemorates the hundredth anniversary of Walt Whitman's first publication of "Leaves of Grass" and shows the poet's portrait on one side and the singing thrush which occurs as an inspirational symbol in Whitman's poems. The lilac leaves, blossoms and blades of grass add to the commemorative theme.

*The story of British use of counterfeits in an attempt to crush the
American Revolution*

COUNTERFEIT CONTINENTAL CURRENCY GOES TO WAR

By

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THE PREPARATION and distribution of counterfeit Continental currency during the American Revolution under the authorization and with the active participation of the British government appears to be the first time in history when counterfeiting was used not primarily for personal gain but as a means of winning a war by undermining the enemy's public confidence in the economic stability

of its government. It is not only surprising that there is an unequivocal confession to such an accusation, but that similar practices were subsequently adopted by the English in the French Revolution, by the French in Napoleon's conquest of Austria, by the Union printers in the War between the States and in other conflicts and are now considered and guarded against in the strategy of modern warfare.

THE AMERICAN ACCUSATIONS

The Continental Congress on Jan. 2, 1779⁽¹⁾ in calling for redemption of bills of credit approved May 20, 1777 at Philadelphia and April 11, 1778 at Yorktown stated that "counterfeits of those emissions have lately been issued by our enemies at New York, and are found to be spreading and increasing fast in various parts of these United States * * *." A circular letter from the Board of Treasury to the states dated January 13, 1779 accused "our enemies of the highest rank" of counterfeiting which was described in the preliminary draft of the letter as taking place "from their Garrison at New York."⁽²⁾

Thomas Paine in referring to counterfeiting had previously demonstrated his mastery of the use of invectives when on March 21, 1778,

at Lancaster, Penn., he wrote "To Gen. Sir William Howe" an open letter over the signature "Common Sense," stating:

You, sir, have abetted and patronized the forging and uttering counterfeit continental bills. In the same New York newspapers in which your own proclamation under your master's authority was published, offering, or pretending to offer, pardon and protection to these states there were repeated advertisements of counterfeit money for sale, and persons who have come officially from you, and under the sanction of your flag, have been taken up in attempting to put them off.

* * * You, sir, have the honor of adding a new vice to the military catalogue; and the reason, perhaps, why the invention was reserved for you, is, because no general before was mean enough even to think of it.⁽³⁾

1. On Dec. 16, 1778 after considerable debate Congress resolved that it was necessary to withdraw these issues but did not make the redemption call until Jan. 2, 1779.
2. Papers of the Continental Congress, No. 136 III, folio 7; See: *Journals of the Continental Congress*, minutes of Jan. 13, 1779.
3. Thomas Paine, *The Crisis*, (Middletown; New Jersey, 1839), Number V, p. 135.

Eric P. Newman, St. Louis, Mo., relates the little known story of a type of economic warfare with which our forefathers were confronted. The accompanying descriptions simplify the identification of these counterfeit bills.

The audacious advertisement to which Paine referred appeared in New York newspapers on April 14, 1777 and proved that the distributors had no profit motive, but were contriving to undermine the American people's confidence in their own paper money. It relied on Tories and cheats to put false notes into circulation. It is unique in history and read as follows:

Persons going into other Colonies may be supplied with any Number of counterfeit Congress-Notes, for the Price of the Paper per Ream. They are so neatly and exactly executed that there is no Risk in getting them off, it being almost impossible to discover, that they are not genuine. This has been proved by Bills to a very large Amount, which have already been successfully circulated.

Enquire for Q.E.D. at the Coffee-House, from 11 P.M. to 4 A.M. during the present month.⁽⁴⁾

Washington recognized the danger of this advertisement and in sending a copy to the President of Congress from his headquarters at Morristown on April 18, 1777 stated:

I have inclosed a Copy of an Advertisement published in Gaine's Paper of the 14th, which shews that no Artifices are left untried by the Enemy to injure us. Before the appearance of this unparalleled piece, I had heard, that a person was gone from York to Rhode Island with a Quantity of Counterfeit Money.⁽⁵⁾

The earliest indication that there was British coöperation in counterfeiting Continental currency was evidence given in connection with the indictment of George and John Folliott. It was said that these men in January, 1776 engaged in counterfeiting Continental currency (the

\$30 bill of the May 10, 1775 emission) in New York Harbor on board the British warship, H.M.S. *Phoenix*.⁽⁶⁾

In an appeal made by Congress in May, 1778 to the people, urging them to continue to support the American cause, it was asked, "What, then, are the reasons that your money hath depreciated?" and one of the answers given was "because their (your enemy's) agents have villainously counterfeited your bills." It then continued, "How is this dangerous disease to be remedied?" and answered, "Let the several legislatures sink their respective emissions, that so, there being but one kind of bills, there may be less danger of counterfeits."⁽⁷⁾

Counterfeiting (probably of part of the issue of Sept. 26, 1778) was reported by the American general, Alexander McDougal, in a letter written March 25, 1779 from headquarters at Peekskill, New York, to Pres. Joseph Reed of Pennsylvania in which it is stated: "He (the enemy) is now counterfeiting another emission, which will soon be out."⁽⁸⁾

Gen. Washington on Sept. 8, 1779 forwarded from West Point to the President of Congress an intelligence report which advised of the British preparation "of a new emission of bills of sixty dollars lately done in New York." The intelligence agent had secured and enclosed such a note (the Sept. 26, 1778 emission) and went on to say: "The person from whom I received it informed me that a great quantity of this kind is put into the country by way of Kingsbridge and Bergen."⁽⁹⁾

4. *New York Gazette*, April 14, 1777; *Weekly Mercury*, April 14, 1777; *Pennsylvania Evening Post*, May 13, 1777; mentioned in *Connecticut Courant*, May 12, 1777. See: Kenneth Scott, "New Hampshire Tory Counterfeiters Operating from New York City," *The New York Historical Society Quarterly*, Jan. 1950, Vol. XXXIV, No. 1, p. 38; Frank Moore, *Diary of the American Revolution*, New York, 1860, Vol. I, p. 440.

5. *The Writings of George Washington*, edited by John C. Fitzpatrick, Washington, D. C., 1931 et seq., Vol 7, p. 434.

6. Kenneth Scott, "A British Counterfeiting Press in New York Harbor, 1776," *The New York Historical Society Quarterly*, April-July, 1955, Vol. XXXIX, No. 2-3, p. 117.

7. "An Address of the Congress to the Inhabitants of the United States of America," *Journals of the Continental Congress*, minutes of May 8, 1778.

8. William B. Reed, *Life and Correspondence of Joseph Reed*, (Philadelphia; 1847), Vol. II, p. 58. See: Henry Phillips, Jr., *Continental Paper Money*, (Roxbury, Mass.; 1866) p. 114.

9. *The Writings of George Washington*, Vol. 16, p. 255.

George Washington again affirmed the accusation in a letter from Morristown, N. J., dated Dec. 7, 1779, written to the President of Congress, in which he stated, "I have received a letter from a confidential correspondent in New York * * *, But the most important part of the letter relates to the indefatigable endeav-

ours of the enemy to increase the depreciation of our currency, by increasing its quantity of counterfeits."⁽¹⁰⁾ Were these accusations true or was the counterfeiting undertaken by Tories and defrauders with only the passive sanction of the British military personnel?

THE TROJAN HORSE OF COUNTERFEITS

The improper use of a British wagon train proceeding under a flag of truce gave rise to "the idea of a Trojan Horse travelling thro' our land, not filled with men but most probably with the more dangerous Enemy, Counterfeited Continental money * * *."⁽¹¹⁾ Gen. Howe had requested permission to bring clothing and medical supplies to the British, German and Tory prisoners held by the Americans. Gen. Washington, in an effort to secure exchanges of prisoners and better treatment for American prisoners in British hands, granted passports for a wagon train with the requested supplies to go from British-occupied Philadelphia to Lancaster escorted by two American officers.

During the journey the wagon train was halted by the Americans at the Spread Eagle public house on the ground that the British had blocked shipments to American prisoners. It was then determined that the British had sent two more officers than their passports called for and Capt. McLeod and Lt. Sterling were asked to leave the wagons and return to Philadelphia. During the delay caused by this controversy a heavy rain soaked some of the shipment including two bags full of Continental bills of credit. Capt. James Christy, one of the American escort, reported that the bags were opened and after the contents were dried they were sent back to Philadelphia with McLeod and Sterling. Christy also indicated that he previously had slept on one of the bags and realized he "had

had a very costly pillow." Sterling expressed surprise at the discovery of the currency and said he was ignorant of its inclusion in the shipment. It was not ascertained whether these bills of credit were counterfeit, but from subsequent events such a conclusion may be drawn.

Capt. Christy stayed with the wagon train for four days and by the time it arrived at Lancaster the probability that the wagon train was among other things being used to distribute counterfeit Continental money was recognized by the Americans. Proof was obtained in Lancaster when one of the wagon drivers passed a counterfeit \$6 Continental bill (May 20, 1777 emission). This driver had five more of these same counterfeits on his person. Three other wagon drivers were arrested and searched and more of the same counterfeits were found on each, but the officers were not searched because of their immunity under the flag of truce. The entire contents of the wagons were detained and all of the party were confined. To add to the confusion the British claimed that Mr. Herbert, a Lancaster innkeeper, overcharged the convoy for necessities and that they had to pay specie at the same rate as paper money.⁽¹²⁾

The situation was reported by Pennsylvania authorities to Gen. Washington on Jan. 22, 1778 and it was brought to the attention of the assembled Continental Congress on January 26. For a venture which was to create goodwill in the British

10. *The Writings of George Washington*, Vol. 17, p. 230.

11. Letter dated Jan. 26, 1778 from Gen. Daniel Roberdeau at Yorktown to Pres. Thomas Wharton of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania Archives (1st Series), Vol. VI, p. 206.

12. See: Pennsylvania Archives, Vol. VI, pp. 200, 201, 206, 214, 216, 217, 233 and 268.

and American relationship as to prisoners it could not have caused more difficulty. On January 26 Washington ordered the wagons and their contents released and the two officers, the doctor and his two attendants freed because he had authorized his aides to issue passports to them.¹³ Neither the contents of the wagons nor the officers were searched for counterfeit money, but two of the wagon drivers were held for trial. Two sergeants (apparently wagon drivers) who were permitted to leave with the British party left the group on the return journey and were arrested for molesting women on farms far off the route back to Philadelphia.

Congress on January 30 ordered an investigation of the entire matter by the Board of War. The Pennsylvania authorities who had uncovered this plot were angered by Washington's action because they felt that the flag of truce was violated by the British use of counterfeits. Washington's position was excused by the Board of War in a letter to Pres. Wharton of Pennsylvania dated Jan. 31, 1778 on the ground that Washington did not have information of the improper behavior of the group, an allegation which was not accurate. Washington did not wish minor violations of a flag of truce to interfere with his prisoner exchange negotiations. Washington excused the British for sending two more officers than stipulated because he felt the size of the wagon train made it reasonable to have them. The army justified the innkeeper's prices on the ground that the same prices would have been asked for payment in Continental currency and no premium for specie payment was permitted by law.

Pennsylvania claimed that "Congress has no right to interfere in our civil policy" as the Pennsylvania statute passed March 20, 1777 authorized the punishment of persons knowingly passing counterfeit Continental money. The whole affair

was embarrassing to the Americans and all of its goodwill value was destroyed. It left the members of Congress from Pennsylvania at odds with other members of Congress. Congress on April 14, 1778 received the report of the evidence collected by the Board of War with respect to the wagon train and promptly referred it to a new committee in order to avoid further discussion and controversy and the matter was buried in that committee.

Two of the wagon drivers were to be tried on April 10, 1778 and in assembling the evidence Washington wrote on April 1, 1778 from headquarters at Valley Forge to Thomas McKean, Chief Justice of Pennsylvania:

* * * I should be ready to afford every probable means of procuring honest testimony, to the two persons now under confinement for passing counterfeit Continental Money, But it cannot be supposed that General Howe would permit persons to come out of Philadelphia to give evidence in a matter, which by being traced fairly back would fix the issuing counterfeit Money upon some of his own party. A thing which he has affected to treat as not having the least foundation in truth. Besides I very much doubt whether he would not consider the suffering persons to come out to give evidence in our Courts, as in some measure acknowledging their authority and jurisdiction, which he has ever cautiously avoided.

Upon the whole Sir, I think it will be no purpose to send in for the evidences required, who if they were permitted to come out would only endeavor to make it appear that the prisoners did not know the money was counterfeit. * * *(14)

The prisoners claimed in their defense that the Pennsylvania statute made it a felony to pass counterfeits of only those issues of Continental currency emitted prior to the passage of the Pennsylvania law, but not subsequent to its passage. The Pennsylvania laws passed March 20, 1777 provided the death penalty for counterfeiting or knowingly passing or distributing counterfeits of "any of the bills of credit emitted and

13. *The Writings of George Washington*, Vol. 10, pp. 351, 355 and 356.

14. *Id.* Vol. 11, p. 196

made current by any of the resolves aforesaid of the honorable Continental Congress * * *."⁽¹⁵⁾ Thomas Paine and many others believed that this language merely distinguished the source of the money being protected from issues authorized by other states and that the word "emitted" did not refer to any particular time or date of issue.⁽¹⁶⁾ The Continental counterfeits in question being those in imitation of the May 20, 1777 authorization by Congress were subsequent to the March 20, 1777 law of Pennsylvania. The court held that the Pennsylvania statute did not apply to the May 20, 1777 emission and that the wagon driver who passed the counterfeit was guilty at most of a fraud, but being an enemy alien was not subject to local laws covering minor offences. The other defendant on whose person counterfeits were merely found was summarily freed.

This interpretation was confirmed

in the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania in 1789 in a civil suit which referred to the wagon train incident as a precedent.⁽¹⁷⁾ Pennsylvania remedied this defect by passing a statute at Lancaster on May 25, 1778, protecting Continental currency emitted between March 20, 1777 and May 25, 1778 and finally on November 26, 1779 at Philadelphia passed a counterfeiting law covering all Continental Congress emissions and all emissions of every American state.

The Trojan Horse full of counterfeits was discovered in time and the minor participants trapped, but loopholes in the act were found for them. As Thomas Paine humorously said of the incident, quoting from a comment once made by a member of the English House of Commons, "There never was but one Act which a man might not creep out of it, i.e. the Act which obliges a man to be buried in woollen."^(18 ante)

THE ACCIDENTAL BRITISH CONFESSION

The idea of counterfeiting Continental currency probably came to the attention of the British through a prominent doctor and politician, Dr. Benjamin Church, Director General of Hospitals of the Continental Army, who was embarrassed financially by living beyond his means. His brother-in-law, John Fleming, was a printer. When in September of 1775 a letter in code giving military information to the British at Newport, Rhode Island, was intercepted, Washington reported the matter to Congress⁽¹⁸⁾ and Church was jailed. Church's interest in counterfeiting was reported in a letter dated February 14, 1776 from Arthur Lee, American representative in London, which read:

Great expectations, too, are entertained from treachery in the provincials. Dr. Church was in league with others, particularly Fleming the printer. This I have from a ministerial authority which may be depended on. They will endeavor to depreciate the Congress paper by throwing in forged notes.⁽¹⁹⁾

Every effort was made by the British to deny and ridicule any accusation of participation in counterfeiting. When Gen. John Burgoyne surrendered on Oct. 16, 1777 at Saratoga to the Americans under Gen. Horatio Gates, the enemy troops, pursuant to the terms of the Treaty of Convention, were to be permitted to return to Europe. A delay in so doing arose because of disagree-

15. Acts of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia 1782, pp. 7, 51, 54, 130 and 241.

16. Letter dated April 11, 1778 written at Lancaster to Henry Laurens, President of the Continental Congress. See: Moncure D. Conway, *The Life of Thomas Paine*, New York, 1892, Vol. 1, p. 102.

17. *Johnson v. Hocker*, 1, Dallas 406 (U. S. Supreme Court Reports), Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, January Term, 1789.

18. Letter dated Oct. 5, 1775, *The Writings of George Washington*, Vol. 4, p. 9.

19. Letter addressed to Lt. Gov. Colden of New York in the event of its capture, but apparently sent by messenger to Samuel Adams. *The Revolutionary Diplomatic Correspondence of the United States*, edited by Francis Wharton, Washington, 1889, Vol. 2, p. 78; Vol. 1, pp. 521 and 657.

ments about paying for provisions for American prisoners in British hands and because the British had purchased supplies with counterfeit Continental currency.

Gen. Sir William Howe, commander of the British forces in America, wrote to Gen. Washington from Philadelphia on Feb. 5, 1778 that the detention of Burgoyne's troops was in part grounded "not only upon a requisition of mine for provisions to be sent in for the subsistence of the prisoners in my possession, and for the purchase of other necessities, but upon a forgery by my agents, emissaries, and abettors, of what are called continental bills of credit. This last allegation is too illiberal to deserve a serious answer."⁽²⁰⁾ Howe used this opportunity to belittle Continental currency as well as to be evasive in answering the accusation of counterfeiting made by Gen. Heath of the American forces.

The American frigate *Deane*, on Aug. 9, 1779, captured the *Glencairn*, a British ship en route from Glasgow to British-occupied New York. The report of Commodore Samuel Nicholson, of the *Deane*, to the Continental Congress, as published in the *Virginia Gazette* of Oct. 2, 1779, stated:

On board the *Glencairn*, a person says he had in charge a box, which was to be delivered to some person in New York, but upon our coming up with them and the ship striking, threw it overboard; upon which we went immediately after it, and with difficulty got it before it sunk, when upon examination we found it contain materials for counterfeiting our currency, consisting of types, paper with silk and isinglass in it &c. We have however determined to secure the person, as we believe him to be the sole intender of the villainy: The box we have on board and shall bring it with us to Boston.

A conclusion can readily be drawn that since New York was the des-

tination of the *Glencairn*, the counterfeiting of Continental paper money was intended rather than the counterfeiting of any separate state issue. This is also corroborated by the paper containing mica and silk. The inclusion of type indicated a desire to improve the quality of counterfeits since most counterfeits of earlier Continental issues were made from engraved copper plates and were more readily distinguishable from the genuine notes than typeset counterfeits. As to whether the captured passenger was "the sole intender of the villainy" is an opinion which, no doubt, was modified by the American authorities on further investigation.

It has been stated that a shipload of counterfeit Continental currency en route to America was captured by a privateer,⁽²¹⁾ but since this is at best an extravagant exaggeration without any source citation it cannot be used as evidence of such counterfeits being prepared in England. Having counterfeits sent from England to America was like bringing coals to Newcastle. The *Glencairn* incident, above described, probably gave rise to this tale.

The counterfeit Continental currency which was captured by the Americans from the British armed forces in the vicinity of New York, was in very large quantities, further indicating New York as its source. In January, 1780, during a raid by Maj. Lee's Rangers on a British outpost within one-half mile of the lighthouse on Sandy Hook, about \$45,000 in counterfeit Continental money was obtained along with seven prisoners, some hard money and some dry goods.^(21a) When Capt. Marriner, in the early morning of April 20, 1780, seized the British ships *Blacksnake* and *Morning Star* at anchor, off Sandy Hook and brought his prizes into Egg Harbor, N. J., much Continental currency was reported to have been found on board.^(21b)

20. *The Writings of George Washington*, edited by Jared Sparks, Boston, 1834, Vol. V, p. 535 (appendix).

21. Henry Phillips, Jr., *Continental Paper Money*, Roxbury, Mass., 1866, p. 71; *Coin Collector's Journal*, May 1944, p. 70.

21a New Jersey Archives, Second Series, Vol. IV, p. 134.

21b New Jersey Archives, Second Series, Vol. IV, p. 351.

The excitement in America must have run high when an American privateer intercepted a British vessel carrying a letter from Sir Henry Clinton, Commander in Chief of the British forces in North America, to Lord George Germain, British Secretary of State. The message written on Jan. 30, 1780 from Savannah, Ga., stated:

I should be wanting to my civil commission, in closing this letter, without a few reflections on the present state of the money of America. Every day teaches me the futility of calculations founded on its failure. No experiments suggested by your Lordship; no assistance that could be drawn from the power of gold, or the arts of counterfeiting, have been left unattempted. But the currency like the widow's cruize of oil, has not failed the Congress. * * * I shall, nevertheless, my Lord continue while I have the honor to command in America, assiduous in the application of those means entrusted to my care; if they cannot work its (the Continental currency's) destruction, yet they embarrass Government, * * *.

This letter was published at Philadelphia on April 8, 1780 in the *Pennsylvania Journal* and later that year in *England*.⁽²²⁾

It is an incontestable admission that the British civil government as well as military leaders approved and directed the counterfeiting of American paper money.

Capt. Nathan Hale during the short period between his capture as an American spy and his execution

at New York on Sept. 22, 1776 was in the custody of a British officer named Cunningham. The counterfeiting of Continental currency and the forging of the signatures of its signers at New York apparently helped Cunningham to develop a bad habit subsequently leading to his untimely end. Cunningham was convicted and hanged for forgery in London on Aug. 10, 1791.⁽²³⁾

Benjamin Franklin in his eightieth year wrote an ironical essay concerning American debts to British merchants in which he clearly analyzed the effect of British counterfeiting of Continental currency as follows:

Paper money was in those times our universal currency. But, it being the instrument with which we combated our enemies, they resolved to deprive us of its use by depreciating it; and the most effectual means they could contrive was to counterfeit it. The artists they employed performed so well, that immense quantities of these counterfeits, which issued from the British government in New York, were circulated among the inhabitants of all the States, before the fraud was detected. This operated considerably in depreciating the whole mass, first, by the vast additional quantity, and next by the uncertainty in distinguishing the true from the false; and the depreciation was a loss to all and the ruin of many. It is true our enemies gained a vast deal of our property by the operation; but it did not go into the hands of our particular creditors; so their demands still subsisted, and we were still abused for not paying our debts!⁽²⁴⁾

COUNTERFEITERS AND PASSERS

Hundreds of skilled and unskilled counterfeiters had been engaged in counterfeiting the various paper cur-

rency issues of the individual British colonies in America prior to the Revolution,⁽²⁵⁾ and patriotism did

22. *The Remembrances or Impartial Depository of Public Events*, J. Almon, London, 1780, Vol. X, p. 40. See: Albert S. Bolles, *The Financial History of the United States from 1774 to 1789*, New York, 1879, p. 152.

23. Charles N. Schmall, "Sidelights on Numismatics," *The Numismatist*, Sept. 1932, Vol. XLV, p. 556.

24. "The Retort Courteous," published in 1786, *The Writings of Benjamin Franklin*, edited by Albert Henry Smyth, New York, MacMillan Co., 1907, Vol. X, p. 111. Also, *The Works of Benjamin Franklin*, edited by John Bigelow, New York, Putnam's, 1888, Vol. X, p. 129.

25. The following comprehensive studies of the history of counterfeiting in America principally prior to the Revolutionary War have been written by Kenneth Scott: "New Hampshire Tory Counterfeiters operating from New York City," *New-York Historical Society Quarterly*, 1950, Vol. XXXIV, No. 1; "Counterfeiting in Colonial Virginia," *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, 1953, Vol. 61, No. 1; "Counterfeiting in Colonial New York," *American Numismatic Society, Notes and Monographs*, No. 127, New York, 1953; "Counterfeiting in Colonial Pennsylvania," *American Numismatic Society, Notes and Monographs*, No. 132, New York, 1955; "Counterfeiting in Colonial Maryland," *Maryland Historical Magazine*, 1956, Vol. 51, No. 2.

not influence many of them to give up that practice when currency was printed under the authority of the Continental Congress. The latter did not pass laws with respect to counterfeiting to protect its paper money as it had no means of enforcing them. On June 24, 1776, Congress recommended to all of the States that each pass laws against counterfeiting Continental currency or knowingly passing such counterfeits, such laws to be similar to those passed to protect each state's own paper money issues. Because some of the states did not pass appropriate laws Congress on Jan. 1, 1779 repeated its request for legislation.

The first counterfeiting noted in the records of the Congress was reported on April 30, 1776 by the delegates from New Jersey and on June 7, 1776 the investigating committee reported the jailing of the guilty parties in Morris County, N. J. On May 7, 1777 Elias Boudinot's letter enclosing a counterfeit \$30 Continental bill was read to Congress. The modern historical novel, *Oliver Wiswell* by Kenneth Roberts, is replete with instances of counterfeiting of Continental currency, which, although fictional, were based upon the tales about Abel Buell.⁽²⁶⁾ In the spring of 1776 Isaac Young of Cold Spring, Nassau Island, N. Y., who had a counterfeiter (Henry Dawkins) working at his home announced "that he would pay his debts this summer in Congress money" and was promptly ordered arrested by the Provincial Congress of New York.⁽²⁷⁾ A proclamation by the government of Delaware ordered the arrest of Dorman Losland, a former sheriff of Sussex County, for passing \$30 counterfeits dated May 10, 1775 (probably some of those made by the Folliott brothers in New York harbor).⁽²⁸⁾

Copper plates for counterfeiting Continental currency of the denomi-

nations of two-thirds of a dollar, \$4 and \$30 were discovered in the possession of James Steward in York County, Pa., just prior to June 27, 1777, along with specimens of currency struck from those plates, one specimen being a counterfeiter's error, the plate for a \$4 bill being used on one side and the plate for a \$30 bill being used on the other. The confiscated plates and bills were turned over by Col. Donaldson to the Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania. The minutes of that body show that the counterfeiter escaped from jail shortly after his arrest and by Oct. 5, 1782 hope of finding the prisoner was abandoned as the plates were ordered to be destroyed, since their use as evidence for the prosecution was unlikely.

Under martial law capital punishment for espionage based primarily upon evidence of passing counterfeit Continental currency was enforced. At a court martial held Oct. 8, 1778 at Danbury, Conn., "David Farnsworth and John Blair were tried for being found about the Encampment of the Armies of the United States as Spies and having a large sum of counterfeit Money about them which they brought from New York, found guilty of the charges against them and sentenced (two thirds of the Court agreeing), to suffer death." Gen. Washington in a letter to Gen. Gates about the case stated "The crime of passing counterfeit Bills of Credit, by which our currency has been extremely depreciated, added to the strong suspicion of their being both Spies, will render it necessary to have them executed according to their Sentences."⁽²⁹⁾

David Gamble deserted the Continental Army and when counterfeits were found in his possession was ordered executed.⁽³⁰⁾ On March 18, 1778 a court martial sentenced Abel Jeans of Pennsylvania to 100 lashes

26. L. C. Wroth, *Abel Buell of Connecticut*, Acorn Club of Connecticut, 1926.

27. *American Archives*, edited by Peter Force, Fourth Series, Vol. V., p. 1497.

28. *Pennsylvania Gazette*, July 9, 1777.

29. *The Writings of George Washington*, edited by John C. Fitzpatrick, Washington, D. C., 1931 et seq., Vol. 13, p. 139; Vol. 13, p. 54.

30. General orders of Oct. 13, 1780, *Id.*, Vol. 20, p. 179.

and confinement at hard labor for the balance of the war for supplying the enemy with money, trading with them and buying and passing counterfeit Continental money.⁽³¹⁾

The quantity of counterfeit Continental currency found on those who were deliberately circulating those notes was often large. Thomas Cockayne had been caught in Sussex County, Pa., with 199 counterfeit \$30 bills in his possession or a total of \$5,970.⁽³²⁾ Jonathan Jennings, as reported in the *Virginia Gazette* of May 1, 1778 was jailed in Alexandria, Va., for passing one \$5 and one \$8 Continental note and had in his possession twenty-five \$5 notes dated Feb. 26, 1777, one \$6 note and eighty \$8 notes dated May 20, 1777, all counterfeit, making a total of \$771.

It was only natural that with many counterfeits in circulation individuals would innocently make payments in counterfeit currency and be greatly embarrassed by an alert recipient. It was difficult to prove innocence, and suspicion was often the result. On March 3, 1778 William Tod innocently paid out at Reading, Pa., cash including sixty-six \$6 Continental bills which he had been paid two days before at Pottstown. It was discovered that fifteen \$6 bills were counterfeit. Because the money was received and paid in the area around British-occupied Philadelphia where the British were circulating counterfeits, an intensive inquiry was made. In a letter to the public Tod stated:

* * * unless I take this method to vindicate my injured honour, malice may circulate the story, all nature may pronounce judgment, and I may lose the esteem of the good and virtuous, whose regard alone I wish to preserve. * * * I shall only remark, that if a man's character is to be censured, and his integrity suspected, from the single circumstance of passing fifteen counterfeit six dollar bills

in the payment of a sum of money, the most part of which consisted of bills of that denomination, every man may be liable to suspicion, censure and trouble.⁽³³⁾

Strong suspicion of counterfeiting fell upon James Smither (Smithers), a well-known Philadelphia engraver, who had made cuts for some issues of Pennsylvania currency issued prior to the Revolution. Thomas Paine in a letter to the President of the Continental Congress dated April 11, 1778 names Smither as being a participant in the counterfeiting of Continental currency for the British⁽³⁴⁾ and this general opinion was given support by the fact that when the British gave up the occupation of Philadelphia and returned to New York, Smither had also moved to New York. The Supreme Executive Council of Pennsylvania on June 15, 1778 issued a proclamation ordering James Smither along with others to answer charges of treason.⁽³⁵⁾

Counterfeiters rarely have an opportunity to do their work under the protection of a government, to be assisted by that government in securing supplies and equipment and not have to worry about distribution of their products. This was the opportunity afforded by the British to some American counterfeiters. Those Tories or cheats who were desirous of passing or distributing counterfeits had a much more lucrative, even though more dangerous, opportunity because British sponsored counterfeits were furnished at nominal cost.

Within areas occupied by the British counterfeiting was uncontrollable, but counterfeit Continental bills had to be taken elsewhere to be put into circulation. Thus passers had to be caught individually without the American authorities being able to destroy the primary source in most instances. Finally Congress had to

31. General Orders issued March 25, 1788 from Washington's Headquarters at Valley Forge. *Id.*, Vol. 11, p. 142.

32. Pennsylvania Archives, Vol. V, p. 525.

33. *Pennsylvania Gazette*, April 18, 1778.

34. Moncure D. Conway, *The Life of Thomas Paine*, New York, 1892, Vol. 1, p. 102.

35. "Continental Money." *Harper's New Monthly Magazine*, March, 1863, Vol. XXVI, No. CLIV, p. 445. See: *Dictionary of American Painters, Sculptors & Engravers*, by Mantle Fielding, New York, 1945.

resort to a \$2000 reward to an informer whose testimony secured a

conviction and several such rewards were claimed and paid.⁽³⁶⁾

AN OFFICIAL DESCRIPTION OF COUNTERFEITS

An official printed broadside describing counterfeit Continental currency has apparently eluded numismatic researchers even though it is among the papers of the Continental Congress. It is entitled:

DESCRIPTION OF COUNTERFEIT BILLS which were done in Imitation of the True Ones ordered by the Honorable the CONTINENTAL CONGRESS, Bearing Date 20th May, 1777, and 11th April, 1778.⁽³⁷⁾

At the bottom of the broadside in the handwriting of John Gibson, Auditor General, there is a warning as to the importance of the document, "Permit no Copy of these Descriptions to be taken unless at the Request of the Executive Authority of the State to be placed in Confidential Hands. — John Gibson, A. G."

This broadside was distributed in January, 1779. It described only five counterfeits, the \$6 and \$8 of the May 20, 1777, Philadelphia emission and three varieties of the \$40 note of the April 11, 1778, Yorktown issue. It indicates no knowledge of the other counterfeits of these two issues, namely the \$30 of May 20, 1777, and the \$4, \$5, \$7 and \$20 of April 11, 1778. These omissions must have resulted in a large and unintentional redemption and destruction of unlisted counterfeits. The *Connecticut Courant* of Nov. 10, 1778 had already published a description of the \$5 counterfeit of April 11, 1778. No counterfeits of issues other than the two issues called for redemption are mentioned in the broadside. A most important fact pointed out in the broadside is that the first four specimens and the back of the fifth were struck from engraved copper plates and

not from set type and cuts as were the genuine.

Why all denominations of each of these two issues were called for redemption when only two denominations of one issue and one of another were known to be counterfeited is difficult to fathom. It had been strongly argued in Congress in December, 1778 that all earlier issues be redeemed and replaced. The confusion resulting from the redemption notice was worse than the counterfeits. The notes with which the called issues were to be redeemed were not ready and delays in the exchange were as much as 60 days. Depreciation was taking place at a rapid rate at that time and many holders had to travel substantial distances to official exchange agencies and spend money and time so doing. The called issues immediately lost their acceptability in normal transactions and merchants advertised that they would take in the called money for goods at prices which obviously were much higher than current.⁽³⁸⁾ William A. Atlee (no relation to James F. Atlee, the die sinker for copper coins who was a partner in Machin's Mills) wrote concerning the redemption notice to his brother, Samuel Atlee, a delegate in Congress from Pennsylvania:

Pray, my dear Brother, how comes it that Congress by their resolve relating to the two emissions of May, 1777 and April, 1778 have set the Country in such a ferment * * * it is rendered twenty-five p. cent worse than the other emissions, which God knows were sunk low enough before.⁽³⁹⁾

Due to the exigencies of war the original date for redemption of the May 20, 1777, and April 11, 1778,

36. *Journals of the Continental Congress*, minutes of June 19, 1780. Three instances of such rewards are reported by Henry Phillips, Jr., *Continental Paper Money*, p. 230-3.

37. This broadside is referred to in *Journals of the Continental Congress*, Vol. XV, p. 1451, item 238 under date of Jan. 2, 1779. It has been recently mended, but a small portion of the text has disintegrated.

38. Albert S. Bolles, *The Financial History of the United States from 1774 to 1789* New York, 1879, p. 154.

39. Pennsylvania Archives, Vol. VI, p. 212, (undated but apparently early in 1779).

DESCRIPTION OF COUNTERFEIT BILLS,

Which were done in Imitation of the True Ones ordered by the Honorable
the CONTINENTAL CONGRESS,
Bearing Date 20th May, 1777, and 11th April, 1778.

EIGHT Dollar Bill, dated May 20, 1777, signed Jn. Taylor and Aq. Norris, is done from a Copperplate, the Letters of which are not only irregular, but by having been engraved, appear more delicate than in the true Bills, which are done with Type, have a smaller aspect, especially in the Words "Spanish milled, Silver, Philadelphia," &c.—The Figures 1777, as well on the back as the front, appear less than in the true Bills.—In the Border at the Top of the Bill over the Words "United States," the two L's in the Word "Dollars" are more irregular and more from a straight Line than in the true Bills.

Six Dollar Bills, dated May 20, 1777, signed Jn. Taylor and Aq. Norris, or R. Smith and A. McCallister, or G. Young and C. Lewis, are also done from a Copperplate, the Letters of which appear for the same Reason more delicate than in the true Bills, and are also more irregular, particularly the Word "entitles," which stands higher than the rest of the line, and the V in the Word "Value" is placed too high and not on a line with the rest of the Word.—After the Words "Six Dollars" under the Device in the true Bills there is a full stop, in the Counterfeits there is none.—On the Back of the Bill the Leaf is much plainer in the Counterfeits than in the true Bills, the Letters there being also more delicate, and the Figures "1777" have a smaller Appearance than in the genuine Bills.

Forty Dollar Bill, dated April 11, 1778, signed D. Reintzel and S. Bryson, or D. Reintzel and J. Snowden, done from a Copperplate, of which the same Remark may be made as to the Delicacy or Neateness of the Letters as in the preceding Descriptions.—Yet the whole of the Letters in the Words "THE UNITED STATES," in the top Border of the Bill, appear stronger, tho' not so uniform or so well shaped as those in the true Bills.—In the Border at the right hand (or end) of the Counterfeit Bill the Words "FORTY DOLLARS" (which are in white Letters) are all done, besides having an E instead of an F in the same.—The larger Leaf on the Back of the true Bills having beside the Branch at the upper end, five Branches on each Side of the Stem, the lowermost of which are not very plain and smaller than the rest; the two last mentioned are entirely omitted in these Counterfeits.

Another species of the Forty Dollar Bills of the same date, signed D. Reintzel and J. Snowden, also done from a Copperplate, of which the same Remark may be made as to the Delicacy or Neateness of the Letters as in the former Descriptions. The Letters however in the whole of the Bill are very irregular, several being larger than the adjoining ones, and almost all the lines crooked, some being placed too high and others too low. In the Border at the right Hand of the Counterfeit Bill the white Letters

Another Counterfeit Forty Dollar Bill, dated 11th April, 1778, is signed J. Dickinson and R. Davis, (who by the bye were never signers of Continental Money) the Back of which appears as if done from a Copperplate, and the Words in the front as if done with Types; the Borders and Devices as if cut in Metal. I am sorry to say that this Bill is rather so good an Imitation that it is really dangerous to most People. I will however point out a few other Marks, viz. The first N in the Word *Confederation* (in the Device) is not placed so square as in the true Bills, the last Stroke of the said Letter leaning more than it should do, indeed the whole of the Letters of the Word *Confederation* are not quite so bold as those in the genuine Bills. The Stars in the Device appear more open in the Center of each of them than those in the true Bills, which appear mostly closed. In the Word *Forty* at the Top of the Bill the Tail of the y in the Counterfeits comes nearer to the Bottom of the t than in the true Bills; the o in the same Word appears on a Level with the rest of the Word, whilst in the true Bills it is placed rather lower than the r which follows it. In this Counterfeit (like one of the others) the larger Leaf on the Back (exclusive of the top Branch) has but four Branches on each Side thereof, while the true Bills have five Branches on each Side, of which the two lowermost are the most faint, as is already mentioned.

NOTE: In some of the Bills of different Denominations D. Remell is signed for D. Reintzel. It may be further necessary to observe that it is very probable there may be other Names affixed as Signers to some or all of the different Denominations than are noticed in the preceding Descriptions, having mentioned in the foregoing only such as I have seen.

Some Persons in the United States having been much alarmed on comparing of Bills of Credit, by finding Bills of the same Denomination and Date to differ from each other in respect to the Letters, some having broken Letters and others not, and frequent Conclusions having been drawn that the former were true Bills, and the broken Letters were originally made as private or secret Marks: It is therefore become necessary to inform, That those were not intended as Marks, but that at the first Beginning of printing an Emulsion the Letters were whole, and that during printing the Emulsion, from hard Lumps or Gravel or Sand in the Paper, with the Force of the Press, those Letters at different Times were accidentally and unobservedly broken.

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to be taken, unless at the Request of the
Executive Authority of the State to be
placed in Confidential Hands.*

John Dickinson

Official broadside describing counterfeit Continental currency.

emissions was extended first from June 1, 1779, to Jan. 1, 1780, and subsequently to Jan. 1, 1781.⁽⁴⁰⁾ In view of the prolonged period for redemption the great bulk of the genuine May 20, 1777, and April 11, 1778, issues were withdrawn from circulation. Those redeemed were at first ordered crossed, punch cancelled and burned, but subsequently the requirement of crossing and punch cancelling before burning was waived.⁽⁴¹⁾ On occasion genuine bills of these issues are found crossed in ink and since crossing customarily denotes a counterfeit it must be assumed that someone made a mistake in identification rather than that redeemed bills were not destroyed.

The precaution as to releasing to the public official descriptions of counterfeits of the May 20, 1777 and April 11, 1778 issues was motivated by a fear that specific differences would result in a prompt correction of the counterfeit plates. The circular letter of the Board of Treasury of Jan. 13, 1779 states:

The danger from counterfeits can only be avoided by calling in and exchanging the emissions, which have chiefly suffered by that species of fraud. To publish the marks of detection and still to leave the true bills current will not be prudent, as it must afford an opportunity for correcting defects and cheating more securely.⁽⁴²⁾

It should be noted that the word "chiefly" as used above indicates that counterfeits of other emissions were known to be in circulation, but not in sufficient quantity to be dangerous. The refusal to publish the marks of detection was a change in thinking, as John Gibson, Auditor General, had officially published in newspapers in 1777 descriptions of

the \$30 counterfeit of May 10, 1777 and the \$8 counterfeit of May 9, 1776 pursuant to the authority of the Board of Treasury.⁽⁴³⁾

Whether the decision of the Treasury Board and the Auditor General not to publish further descriptions of counterfeits was correct or not, it is clear that they did not realize that descriptions of the commonest Continental currency counterfeits had already been published in the press. The *Connecticut Courant* of Nov. 10, 1778 attempted to describe the \$40 and \$5 counterfeits of April 11, 1778, and the \$8 and \$6 counterfeits of May 20, 1777, as well as two varieties of the \$30 counterfeit of Feb. 26, 1777. Shopkeepers must have posted the clipping from the newspaper eliminating any possibility that passers of counterfeits would not become aware of the information.

It can be assumed that the well made counterfeits described in the broadside are definitely British sponsored counterfeits. The \$6 and \$8 of May 20, 1777, appear to be of fine enough quality as well as one of the \$40 of April 11, 1778, but the other two varieties of the \$40 of April 11, 1778, are poorly made and may have been privately produced. Some of the omitted denominations of counterfeits of these issues also appear to be of fine enough quality to be distributed by the British. However, there seems to be no specific way of determining by workmanship which counterfeits are British sponsored products. Since records show the source of many counterfeits as New York or from the hands of British military personnel we can conclude that the specific denominations so mentioned are British sponsored.

40. *Journals of the Continental Congress*, minutes of July 2, 1779 and March 28, 1780.

41. *Id.*, minutes of Feb. 26, 1779.

42. *Id.*, minutes of Jan. 13, 1779, *Virginia Gazette*, Feb. 19, 1779.

43. *Virginia Gazette*, June 13, 1777 and *Pennsylvania Gazette*, July 16, 1777.

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Question: What two U. S. coins of different denominations and metals have the same weight? (See answer on page 36.)

How to INSURE YOUR COINS

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MOST NUMISMATISTS lavish as much care on their collections as they do their wives, and in some cases perhaps more. The collection represents hours of steady work, buying, selling and swapping ability in addition to a financial investment built up over a long period. In spite of the care taken, many valuable collections have been lost, destroyed or stolen, and although you cannot insure your time or the sentimental value, you can protect your financial investment.

These remarks apply only to private collections and not to those of dealers. There might be slight differences in some states as all insurance is subject to the regulations of the particular state involved. Practically everyone insures personal property against loss by fire. This type of policy is, however, worthless when applied to a coin collection inasmuch as money is not insured under standard fire policy. Many persons today protect their personal property with theft policies or the new, so-called, package policies, such as the homeowners form or comprehensive dwelling policy. These policies provide a limited amount of protection on money, including numismatic property, with the usual limit being \$100.00 unless especially increased. They are, therefore, unsatisfactory except for insuring the very low-valued collection.

There is, however, an inland marine form specifically designed for insuring coin collections. This policy provides protection on a so-called "all risk" basis anywhere in the

world. It is designed to insure rare and current coins, medals, paper money, bank notes, tokens and other numismatic property, including albums, containers, frames, cards and display cabinets used in connection with the collection and may insure coins in the collector's custody or control as well as those owned by him.

While this type of policy starts out by stating that it will insure against all risks of loss or damage like all insurance contracts, it contains some exclusions and conditions under which insurance is not provided. While not attempting to recite all of the exclusions, the policy does not insure against such things as fading, creasing, denting, scratching, tearing, wear, dampness; damage through handling or manufacture. Mysterious disappearance of an individual coin is not insured unless it is mounted in a volume and the entire page is also lost. This exclusion would not apply if the coin is specifically scheduled for a definite amount in the policy. Property is not covered while in the custody of a transportation company except shipments by railway express or armored car, and mail shipments must be by registered mail or insured parcel post. Ordinarily theft of coins from an untended auto would not be covered. However, this additional protection may be obtained by paying five per cent additional for the insurance. Risks of war may not be covered.

As this policy insures coins anywhere in the world, you are protected whether or not they are

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destroyed by fire in your house, stolen from an exhibition at a convention, or damaged in an automobile accident en route. You are at least buying peace of mind if you never have a loss.

The policy will reimburse you up to the actual cash market value of the coins at the time of loss, in the limit of not exceeding \$250.00 on any coin or other individual article, or any pair, strip, block, series, sheet, frame, card or the like. This method of settlement would apply if you do not specifically schedule individual coins or sets but merely purchase a blanket amount of insurance to apply on your entire collection. If you own scarce coins or series mounted in frames, boards or cards, exceeding \$250.00 in value, they should be specifically listed with a valuation placed on each piece. Then, the insurance would make good the loss or damage up to but not exceeding the amount specified.

It is important that you insure your collection for the full cash market value at all times as otherwise, in the event of the partial loss of a set or of coins not individually insured, you would not receive full reimbursement. For example, if you insured a set of uncirculated Indian Heads and Flying Eagles worth \$1,000.00 for only \$500.00 and the 1877 Indian Head worth \$100.00 was stolen, you could collect only \$50.00 because of failure to insure fully.

Many of you may have felt that it would be too expensive to obtain special insurance on your collection. Fortunately, numismatists as a class are considered careful people; thus, even though money is highly susceptible to loss by fire or theft, the rates charged are substantially lower than you would pay for insuring such things as jewelry or furs under similar "all risk" coverage. The current annual rates are 65¢ per \$100.00 for the first \$5,000.00; 40¢ per \$100.00 for the next \$10,000.00; and 25¢ per \$100.00 for all over \$15,000.00. The minimum premium, in any event, is \$10.00 per year. Your insurance should be purchased for a three-year term as it is possible to save one-half an annual premium by so doing. If you keep at least 75% of the collection in a fireproof safe or vault with a combination lock when not actually in use or on exhibition, a reduction of 10% is allowed in the premium.

Your first step in obtaining this insurance should be to inventory your complete collection and place a fair unexaggerated market value on the coins. This should not be difficult except in the case of extremely rare and unique pieces wherein it would be advisable to get expert opinion before insuring. The inventory and insurance should be maintained up to date at all times in order to establish claims properly, if necessary, and thereby receive a satisfactory settlement.

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STRANGE MONEY OF THE WORLD

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COWRIE SHELLS

African Series No. 1

Cowrie shells of many sizes, varieties and species have been used for currency for many, many years and probably served as man's first money. They have been used in China since ancient times, as well as in Africa, India, and many other countries. The Africans used the white and yellow *Cypraea moneta*, imported from the Maldive Islands, and the bluish white *Cypraea annulus* found on the coast of Africa. The shells passed as money both in their natural form and with their oval backs ground down, or per-



forated so they could be more easily strung for ornament. The primitive Africans attributed to these shells the power of fertility and used them extensively to decorate their clothing, implements and weapons.

The value of the cowries depended upon their availability and in the early days two cowries would purchase a woman in Uganda but by 1911 when the volume of the shell currency had greatly increased, it required 2,000 to purchase a cow. Cowrie shells were more generally used as currency in Africa in the early days than any other primitive currency.

SLAVES

African Series No. 2

Slaves were used as currency in all sections of Africa where the slave trade flourished. At one time in the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan a slave was valued at 30 pieces of cloth, or six oxen, or \$10.00, and in Nigeria slaves formed the principal media of exchange and were collected and held as stored wealth.

Slave currency had one advantage over other native currency, in that it

could move under its own power whereas most currencies required expenditures of a large percentage of it for carriers on long trips. Some areas had fixed standards for slaves, for example, in Angola the unit of this currency was a young slave about 20. In French Africa the standard unit was a slave of medium quality.

Native women were used as currency by a tribe in French Africa for large transactions. In Sierra Leone women were the most marketable commodity of the land and an African chief is quoted as saying that his prosperity was in wives, whom if he chose, he could barter for anything he wanted.

SALT CURRENCY

African Series No. 3

Salt has been used for money in many countries since ancient times; it circulated in Sumatra, Mexico, China, Italy, Tibet, and India, as well as in Africa. The Romans paid part of the wages of the legionnaires in salt, *salarium*, from which we receive our word "salary." Because of their vegetable diet the Africans needed salt.

The salt currency in Africa circulated in many different forms; some in small bags made of fiber, some pounded into long bamboo baskets like the one illustrated, and others passed from hand to hand in bars, sticks, cakes, or cone-shaped pieces. Next to cowrie shells, salt was one of the most important currencies in the old days. It circulated as money in the Belgian Congo, in the Cameroons, in Sierra Leone, in the Lake Chad region and in some areas of the Congo. In the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan bars of salt were used as currency, as in Liberia and the Basango district of Rhodesia. In the olden days a slave was worth his weight in salt in the French Sudan.

The most classical example of salt currency, however, is encountered in Abyssinia, now Ethiopia, where it was in use during the early 18th century. It was used in cakes, the sizes and shapes of which varied greatly. Five of these shaped like whetstones varying in length from 10 to 12 inches and 1½ to 2½ inches in width at the middle, were worth a dollar in the

capital at one time, and since then the value has fluctuated from two to ten cakes to the dollar.

It was customary for the Ethiopians when meeting to pass their currency cakes to friends to be tasted, which



didn't improve the sanitary conditions of the money. Commodities were priced in full sized cakes but small change was obtained by breaking pieces from cakes. In the early days a donkey load of the salt cakes would purchase a slave. The salt currency was used primarily in the Amharu provinces of Ethiopia but was also popular in other areas, and in the

more backward provinces it constituted the only currency.

LIVESTOCK CURRENCY

African Series No. 4

Cattle and oxen were used as currency in Africa, as they had been in ancient Greece and Rome. The word "pecuniary" comes from the Latin word for money, *pecunia*, which in turn is derived from the word *pecu*, meaning "cattle." The cattle currency was used in Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, Ethiopia, Kenya, Equatorial Africa, French Sudan, Tanganyika, Guinea Bay, Southwest Africa, Uganda, and Rhodesia. It was used for bride purchase, payment of taxes, fines, tribute, blood money, and other large transactions.

In the areas where cattle served as currency, the natives did not use their animals for meat, except sometimes when they died, but lived on milk which they mixed with the blood of their cattle obtained by tapping their jugular veins from time to time. During a famine in 1929 thousands of natives died of starvation because they would not slaughter and eat their cattle and sheep.

GIN CURRENCY OF NIGERIA

African Series No. 5

Gin was used as currency in Nigeria, especially in the central and eastern sections, as late as 1900. Owing to the fact that the Europeans steadily increased rates on exported spirits, gin not only served as money, but increased in value with the years. Many chiefs possessed large stocks of gin as late as 1934.

Bottles of gin passed from hand to hand as money for years without being consumed and were used by chiefs as stored wealth. Missionaries have complained that in traveling in some parts of the Niger delta it was impossible to purchase food unless one was prepared to pay for it in gin, which they were not.

Unlike most primitive money, the gin currency was not only used among natives, but also in trade with Europeans. Both gin and rum served as currency in the Belgian Congo.

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EXTRA FRANKLIN NUMBERS

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"I see no cause for alarm in coin prices . . ."

PRICE TRENDS

By

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IT WAS with great interest that I read Dr. Bilinski's article in the October issue of *The Numismatist* as I too have been following closely the upward trend in asking prices for coins but I do not think anyone will be hurt except maybe the speculators.

Speculators and investors are two entirely different types of individuals. Whereas the speculator grabs wildly at anything he thinks will provide a rapid and large profit, the investor purchases at a more or less reasonable price items which he expects to have increase in value with the passage of time. The rules governing the speculator and the investor are fundamental and apply to totally different things as well as to coins.

As a collector turning to investment in a small degree I have discovered a few truths. The foremost one is that a small collection of a few select coins far outweighs, both in pride of ownership and value, a collection of junk (of which I've amassed a considerable quota). This is beside the point but there are a few pertinent facts that are indisputable. The prime one is that any coin (or coins) that is in perfect condition, no matter what issue, will command a premium in time to come. Another is that there have been coin collectors, investors, and speculators ever since there have been coins and always will be.

Where prices are concerned a collector values a coin at what he is willing to pay for it so as long as collectors are willing to pay a premium for a coin that will in itself hold the price up. Any investor worth his salt will not pay

too high a premium for his coins because that will defeat the purpose of his investing right at the start. Speculators come and go with the demand and if they are stuck what they hold may go at a reduced price but the collector will still hold that the coin is worth what he paid for it. If the prices do drop other speculators and investors will buy up the coins in the hopes that they will rise again and so the price will be maintained.

I have kept a detailed analysis of coin prices on a monthly basis since the first day of 1956 and am sending the tabulated results of a few of them to show that there has not been an astonishing increase since then with the exception of proof sets. I have found that the prices on the scarcer issues started high and remained there. Prices took a jump the first of the year and declined sharply through the next three months and in most cases have not reached the level established in January. I have set an index of 100 for average prices in January and have presented the results based on that index. My data has been acquired from four coin publications of the country. This represents a fairly complete cross-section of the coin-interested population of the United States.

People are at a loss to explain the fact that proofs of the current decade command such a premium. I think that it can best be explained by the fact that they are available and current. While it is not beyond the scope of any collector to obtain a set of proofs from 1950-1956 a complete set from 1936 onward is a lot more difficult to get and very

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expensive. Sets previous to 1936 are becoming rarities and most of them have been broken up so the individual coins are gems in their own right. As scarcity and demand are the prime factors in controlling coin prices the fact that while sets 1950-1956 are easy to acquire the demand is so great that the price is out of all proportion to that of previous issues. (Of course, a 1936 proof set is not exactly given away.) It is my opinion that, rather than present prices declining, the prices will in turn push earlier proof sets upward as collectors obtain the later sets and seek to acquire the earlier issues.

I do not think, with all due respect to Dr. Bilinski, that geographical or popularity factors enter very strongly into the prices of coins. From analysis I've marked variations in prices between dealers but frequently the widest variations are found between dealers in the same locality and they may or may not be among the better known dealers. It has been my experience that established (not mail order) dealers follow the trends pretty closely and both their buying and selling prices are pretty much in line with that trend. I have found, however, that the most reputable dealers do not have the lowest prices and that so-called bargains are usually not bargains at all, the offerings being of coins in less than prime condition of the "we regret to state that we have depleted our supply but — etc." variety.

You will note by the tabulation that proof sets started their rapid rise about May, that the 1950 and 1951 sets started to level off during August and September and the rest are continuing to advance rather

sharply. It is my belief that the 1955 and 1956 sets are what is causing the disturbance. It is my opinion that the 1955 set is worth more today than sets from the two previous years and prices will reflect that worth in the near future. I can understand the reluctance of coin dealers to allow a set to exceed previously minted sets in only the second year of issue but the 1955 set is in a class by itself due to the scarcity of mint issues in several of the denominations.

You will note that the 1952 set has shown the greatest increase. An index of (316.8) which is just about its average value as the arithmetical average was a price of \$10.02. It is my opinion that this is due to the price remaining unusually low in comparison to the 1951 and it is merely gaining its rightful place in line.

I have not included slow moving or the hysterically inflated prices because the former have shown almost no change from earlier years and the latter were inflated beyond all reason even before they were issued and they have not been available long enough for even a preliminary pattern to be set.

It should be understood that my figures are as accurate as possible from the data available. The computations are to slide rule accuracy and although the sample is small it is indicative of the trend by reason of the scope in variety of the periodicals used and in the geographical section included.

In closing I wish to state that short of a national catastrophe vitally affecting the nation's economic system I see no cause for alarm in coin prices and see no reason for any great decline in the near future.

Analysis of prices for eight different coins (uncirculated rolls) for first nine months of 1956

Month	Cent 1954-S		Cent 1955-S		Five Cents 1954-S		Dime 1954-S	
	*	Index	*	Index	*	Index	*	Index
January	21	100.0	24	100.0	17	100.0	24	100.0
February	22	92.3	31	93.9	25	99.4	22	97.0
March	25	93.3	34	98.2	26	96.8	25	95.5
April	36	99.1	41	102.0	34	99.7	30	96.8
May	41	101.8	44	107.0	42	99.4	43	97.2
June	36	107.9	45	104.4	32	97.6	36	98.6

July	28	110.2	35	103.8	22	96.9	23	97.5
August	37	107.9	44	104.4	31	96.1	28	96.8
September	32	107.9	42	99.4	26	98.0	31	93.4

Month	Dime 1955-D		Dime 1955-S		Quarter 1954-S		Half 1954-S	
	* Index		* Index		* Index		* Index	
January	11	100.0	23	100.0	19	100.0	18	100.0
February	23	96.0	32	95.6	19	102.5	21	97.8
March	38	93.0	42	94.3	19	100.8	21	96.0
April	45	92.0	46	96.0	28	100.2	30	98.0
May	50	92.3	55	95.4	31	100.1	36	96.0
June	52	92.1	47	96.0	22	99.0	27	95.8
July	35	92.8	35	98.0	15	97.4	19	96.0
August	44	91.3	47	96.0	23	98.2	26	98.0
September	39	90.6	42	95.6	23	98.8	25	97.5

*Size of sample

Analysis of prices for proof sets first nine months of 1956

Month	1950		1951		1952		1953	
	* Index		* Index		* Index		* Index	
January	11	100.0	13	100.0	13	100.0	22	100.0
February	18	102.5	21	101.2	16	108.0	26	94.0
March	14	101.7	18	104.9	20	116.2	21	99.8
April	6	114.5	12	113.7	13	130.5	20	110.5
May	17	118.4	17	122.9	18	148.1	22	116.8
June	14	140.5	15	151.2	16	211.8	16	167.5
July	16	165.0	17	179.2	22	269.8	24	248.1
August	19	188.5	18	197.5	19	314.7	23	257.8
September	37	187.5	37	194.0	45	316.8	45	270.4

	1954		1955		1956	
	* Index		* Index		* Index	
January	28	100.0	24	100.0	3	100.0
February	28	97.3	25	105.0	5	103.4
March	24	98.3	23	120.8	8	104.2
April	29	110.1	22	136.5	22	104.8
May	30	120.6	31	145.0	21	103.8
June	19	148.9	20	181.6	12	109.6
July	27	189.6	28	225.9	18	126.8
August	32	206.0	31	261.8	12	173.0
September	52	225.8	55	284.2	37	206.2

*Size of sample

Data collected from advertisers in four coin publications. Average prices as of January index base.

MANA CONVENTION

The annual meeting of the Middle Atlantic Numismatic Association was held in Washington, D. C., with delegates from member clubs in attendance. The main order of business was election of officers and final reports of the Richmond convention. Officers elected for 1957 are president, Flournoy Schneider; first vice president, Saul Solomon; second vice president, Mrs. Virginia Johnson; secretary-treasurer, Eld-

ridge Jones; sergeant-at-arms, Alex Kaptik. The 1957 board is composed of Messrs. Warfield, Rice, Cluverius, Cole, Kaptik, Douglas, Pittman, Walton and Jones. Walter Breen was renamed Editor of the *MANA News*, with Messrs. Phillips and Ayres as Business Managers.

Convention registration totaled 326, with 238 attending the banquet and about 800 visitors. There were more than 50 cases of exhibited

material and a sellout of the 40 bourse tables. Rare material was displayed in excellently designed arrangements. Future conventions are scheduled for Charlotte, Va., in 1957, Harrisburg, Pa., in 1958 and Atlantic City for 1959.

Exhibit winners, selected by Judges Kolman, Sol Kaplan and F. B. Saab, were: grand prize, George Walton for territorial gold and 50 dollar gold pieces; ancient coins, Michael Granis, E. Weikert; U. S. coins, J. Pittman, Dr. J. H. Littman, Gaston DiBello; foreign coins, Flournoy Schneider, G. Di-

Bello, James Johnson; U. S. currency, J. Kirkwood, Mrs. Virginia Johnson, Wm. Moore; medals and decorations, J. Winder, F. Schneider; Confederate or Virginia material, Brent Hughes, E. S. Leachman; club or society exhibit, Richmond Coin Club, Delaware Valley Coin Club, Charlotte Coin Club; 1913 Liberty head 5¢, E. Hyderman, G. Walton, J. V. McDermott. With the exception of the last category, all first and second place winners were awarded plaques, third place, ribbons; in the last grouping, all three were awarded cups.

HAAKON VII, KING OF NORWAY

Haakon VII, Norway's hero king, was born in Denmark Aug. 3, 1872, son of the Danish King Fredrik VIII and Queen Louise. He was christened Carl but later adopted the name of Haakon when, after the union with Sweden was dissolved, he became Norway's king in

Norwegians presented him a ship for his personal use. He has served longer than any other King of Norway, having been crowned in 1906.

In commemoration of his 50-year reign, a medal has been struck in silver and bronze, 1,000 of each. The work was done by Norway's



1905. Before he accepted the throne Prince Carl insisted that the people of Norway should indicate by vote whether or not they wanted him as king. The result was so overwhelming that he has known ever since he was the people's king.

When the Germans invaded Norway, King Haakon left for England where he continued the fight rather than accept Quisling as premier. Upon his return to Norway in 1945 he was warmly welcomed by his people. On his 75th birthday the

foremost medalist, H. Rui. It is a remarkably fine piece of engraving, both of the portrait of the king and of the inscription: "Haakon VII, King of Norway, 1905-1955, All for Norway." The inscription is in Norwegian. On the reverse: "Struck in memory of the King's 50th jubilee," with heraldic insignia such as the Norwegian coat of arms and Akerhus castle and Trondheim Cathedral where he was crowned. — ELIAS RASMUSSEN

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Collectors are invited to send in new information and questions or problems to Mr. Breen at Box 1024, Grand Central Station, New York City 17. All questions will be answered; all items of general interest, including questions and answers, will be published; all sources will be acknowledged with thanks. Enclose stamped, self addressed envelope for personal reply.

THIS initiates a monthly feature to be devoted to the interests of collectors of large cents, early and late dates alike. We expect to publish here any and all new discoveries in the field, whether new die varieties or sub varieties, new specimens of Rarity 7 or 8 coins, or even unlisted die breaks. For the first few issues we propose to go through the series from 1793 to 1857 and bring collectors up to date on the discoveries that have been made since the Sheldon and Newcomb books came out.

1793. NC-1 (Crosby 2-C). The ANS coin, ex Clapp, Brand, Dr. Hall, W. F. Johnson, June 1892, Steigerwalt April 1892, Chapman Bros. sale, June 17, 1889, "originally bought in Europe by the late J. O. Stornay, Esq." may lose its claim to uniqueness, if the coin next to be described can be located. S.H. & H. Chapman Sale, W. B. Wetmore coll., June 27, 1906, Lot 539: "1793 Chain . . . Poor and dents on edge, but it is Crosby 2-C, and the second specimen yet discovered of this die. The one pictured in Crosby came from us and is now in the collection of Dr. Thos. Hall of Boston." What is probably the same coin was earlier described in the Woodward sale of the Ferguson Haines collection, Sept. 1880, Lot 185.

1793. NC-2 and 3 (the Strawberry Leaf or Cotton Leaf Cents.) It is pretty clear these came near the end of the wreath type rather than at the beginning; the order of emission was apparently Crosby 6-F, 7-F, 8-F, 10-F, 10-I, 9-I, 9-H, 9-G, and then 5-D, 5-E and 11-J. The 6-F shares a large LIBERTY and date with the Chain cents; die break progressions establish the

remainder of the order (7-F through 9-G above) beyond doubt. Obverse 5, the Strawberry Leaf die, resembles obverse 11 in placement of the date, in relative lengths and shapes of the locks, and in the long thick bust point rounded at the tip. And the planchets are, on at least two examples, 27 to 28 mm.; this size is usual for 11-J's and some Liberty Caps, and is not often reached by the Chains and Wreaths, which average 25-26 mm.

The whole question of the location and number known of Strawberry Leaf coins has become increasingly obscure in recent years. The 5-D was the first known of the type, and is still unique; it was owned by Richard Winsor in the 1860s, pictured on the Levick plate (1869), sold in the Winsor sale of 1895 for \$21, passed from Crosby to Dr. Hall in April 1896, sold with the Hall collection to Virgil Brand, and sold for a reported \$2,750 in 1950; pictured in Crosby (1897) and Sheldon. Of the 5-E's, there may be as many as five in existence. (1) The coin referred to by Sheldon, page 62, as condition 1. This cannot be identified today, and it may be an erroneous reference to the 5-D, as Crosby presumably knew of the coins described below as Nos. 2 and 3. (2) The ANS coin. This is condition 3 to 4 (the coin is considerably better than it appears in the photographs.) It first appeared in the Merritt sale (Frossard, 1879), lot 90; its next owner was Ferguson Haines, of Biddeford, Me., who repeatedly put it up at auction in the 1880s without attracting a high enough bid to warrant letting it go; the coin was invariably "bought in." It finally went in Frossard's 130th sale, Dec. 19, 1894, lot 700, at \$120.

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"It was this cent that incidentally caused the historic fight when Frossard and another dealer, both veterans, rolled around the floor of the auction room, trying to kick each other, and the late H. P. Smith lost a diamond pin in the confusion incidental to separating them." (*Numismatist*, May 1911, page 184, quoted from Steigerwalt's *Messenger*.) It was in Crosby's hands later in the decade, being pictured (obverse and reverse) in his book as well as in the *Standard Catalogue* and the Sheldon plate. J. S. Saltus later bought it and presented it to A.N.S. in 1916. (3) The Parmelee coin. This is far better than the last and may reach or exceed condition 7. From Parmelee sale, lot 671, to Steigerwalt, Dr. Hall, Virgil Brand and parties unknown. Pictured on the Parmelee plate (obverse only) and in the *Guide Book*. Will the owner of

this coin please get in touch with the writer? (4) The Rabin coin. Obverse condition 3, reverse condition 5; very rough planchet. Wt. 206.1 grains. Offered for sale at \$2,500 by William Rabin of Philadelphia; see Sept. 1941 *Numismatist*, page 736. (5) James Kelly swears that he sold a New England collector the finest known 5-E, which he avers to be different from No. 3 or No. 4. This piece has been located but not yet seen; it may prove to be the long sought Parmelee example.

1793. S-7 (C. 8-F). Now a borderline R-6, as a number of new ones are traced. One, Ruby's shows a second dot (misplaced border bead) above I in LIBERTY; this disappears with die wear. Another, the Chapman-Rabin-Blaisdell coin, shows a break from between RT down to JHF.

U. S. MINT SETS OF 1956 AVAILABLE JANUARY FIRST

Uncirculated 1956 coins may be purchased from the Office of the Treasurer of the United States, Cash Division, Washington 25, D. C., in sets only beginning in January, 1957, and continuing through March 31, 1957, or as long as coin stocks last, whichever occurs first. The sets consist of two (2) of each of the coins, other than commemorative and proof coins, struck at each of the mints as follows:

	<i>Philadelphia Coinage</i>	<i>Denver Coinage</i>	<i>San Francisco No Coinage in 1956</i>	<i>Face Value</i>
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Two Quarters50	\$.50	1.00
Two Dimes20	.2040
Two Five-Cent Pieces..	.10	.1020
Two Cents02	.0204
Total Face Value				\$2.64
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Insurance15
Assembling and Handling Fee50
Total to Be Remitted				\$3.34

*Not minted in 1956

Coins are not available in rolls or less than the complete set. Coins of previous years are not available. The fee of 50¢ is the estimated cost of assembling, packaging and handling. Uncirculated coins are furnished only in sets with limit of one set to each person. Applications must be accompanied by a remittance drawn to the order of the Treasurer of the United States as payee in the form of postal money order or certified personal checks. Personal checks that are not certified will be returned to the sender. The Treasurer's office cannot undertake to furnish coins that are free from tarnish or scratches. The Treasury does not maintain a mailing list of persons who desire to be notified when new coins are minted. See notice elsewhere in *The Numismatist* for information on 1957 proof sets.

CALENDAR MEDALS AND STORE CARDS

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(Continued from November, 1956, issue)

N.AU.17 - 1948

OBVERSE - The goddess Ishtar standing upright from a large shell, around edge JAHRES-REGENT 1948 DIE VENUS.



REVERSE - CVM DEO 1948 SCHALT-JAHR. The calendar in the first six lines lists the Sundays and the last five lines the religious holidays of the year. Around square are the dates of the seasons.

(Note: This is the first of this series on which no zodiacal signs or figures appear. Also, this is the first calendar on which the designer's name appears on both obverse and reverse. Executed at Wien by HOFMANN.)

Size 25½. Metals, silver, silver plated bronze and bronze.

N.AU.18 - 1949

OBVERSE - Nebo seated on cloud, around edge JAHRES REGENT MERKUR.



REVERSE - CVM DEO 1949 with calendar assuming the same design as 1948. Hofmann's name on obverse and reverse. The only zodiacal sign appears on obverse for the planet Mercury. Executed at Wien by HOFMANN.

Size 25½. Metals, silver, silver plated bronze and bronze.

N.AU.19 - 1950

OBVERSE - Moon goddess Sin on cloud with stars and new moon.

Around edge JAHRES REGENT MOND-LUNA.



REVERSE – CVM DEO 1950 with calendar of Sundays, religious holidays and seasons. Executed at Wien by HOFMANN.

Size 25½. Metals, silver, silver plated bronze and bronze.

N.AU.20 – 1951

OBVERSE – In center the zodiacal signs with their corresponding dates, above 1951. Around edge JAHRES REGENT SATURN. Signed by KÖTTENSTORFER.



REVERSE – In center sphere with dates of Sundays, through center dates of religious holidays. Around edge season's dates. Executed at Wien by KÖTTENSTORFER.

Size 25½. Metals, silver, silver plated bronze and bronze.

N.AU.21 – 1952

OBVERSE – In center Ninib seated on throne upon clouds, this is surrounded by the 12 zodiacal signs. Around edge JAHRES REGENT JUPITER.



REVERSE – The dates of Sunday by months above and below center which lists religious holidays and beginning dates of seasons. Executed at Wien by KÖTTENSTORFER.

Size 25½. Metals, silver, silver plated bronze and bronze.

N.AU.22 – 1953

OBVERSE – In center Nergal, standing with olive branch in right hand, spear and shield in left. On shield JAHRS REGENT MARS, around edge the 12 zodiacal signs.



REVERSE – In center of wheel hub 1953, the 12 segments list the Sunday dates by months. Only two religious dates appear at hub OSTERN 5.6.W. PFINGSTEN 2.25.V Around edge DES SONNTAGE- DES JAHRES. Executed at Wien by KÖTTENSTORFER.

Size 25½. Metals, silver, silver plated bronze and bronze.

N.AU.23 – 1954

Obverse – The four seasons in center, around edge JAHRES REGENT SONNE. In exergue KÖTTENSTORFER.



REVERSE – DIE SONNTAGE 1954 DES JAHRES with the dates of Sunday for each month around edge, divided into four segments are listed the beginning dates of each season with an inner circle of religious holiday dates. Executed at Wien by KÖTTENSTORFER.

Size 25½. Metals, silver, silver plated bronze and bronze.

N.AU.24 – 1955

OBVERSE – In center Venus, around JAHRES REGENEN VENUS. In exergue KÖTTENSTORFER.

REVERSE — Above 1955. In center DIE SONNTAGE DES JAHRES. Below * MUNZE / WIEN* In center calendar, around the outside are holidays



and dates.

Size 25½. Metals, silver, silver plated bronze and bronze.

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NATIONAL COIN WEEK 1957

National Coin Week this year will be May 6th through May 12th and should be the largest ever held. All the new clubs and the increase in new members should see National Coin Week this year make history.

As General Chairman I will do everything possible to help all who enter the contest, and would like for every club to appoint a chairman who will help club members work out the displays. Also, I would like to see more ladies enter, as I know that they can do a fine job if they are given the encouragement to participate and should be a big help to their clubs.

For publicity, plan your displays in advance and get photos, stories, locations of exhibits, and so on lined up in advance. If you wait until the last minute, the newspapers may not have time to print your pictures and stories before Coin Week is over and then it will be hard for you to get them to use your copy. Any publicity you can get in advance of coin week will be to your advantage.

Contest rules will follow last year's pattern with three classes of club entries: Class A will be clubs of 50 or more members; Class B will be clubs of 25 to 49 members; and clubs with a membership of 24 or less will compete in class C. Individual entries will be on their own.

I will be only too happy to answer any questions I can, so let's all get behind this Coin Week and make it the largest one ever. Let every one know what a fine hobby we have.

— GENE N. NICHOLS
General Chairman
National Coin Week 1957
Box 325
Balboa Island, Calif.

Top of the Clubs

Editor's note: The following items were selected from this month's club reports because of newsworthiness and general interest.

Top Dozen clubs in attendance this month are **Los Angeles Coin Club**, 143; **Oak Park Coin Club** and **Orange County Coin Club**, each with 88; **Shenango Valley Coin Club**, 85; **Akron Coin Club**, 74; **San Bernardino Coin Club** and **San Diego Numismatic Society**, each with 67; **Worcester Numismatic Society**, 64; **Winona Coin Club**, 60; **Philadelphia Coin Club**, 57; **Western Reserve Numismatic Club**, 55; **Chicago Coin Club**, 54; **Brooklyn Coin Club**, 52; **Cleveland Coin Club**, 49.

The **Huntington Coin Club** has been advertising in its local newspaper that its members will appraise coins that are brought to the meetings by non-members.

To stimulate American interest in Canadian coins, Mrs. Jack Marles, 2712—21 Ave., S.W., Calgary, Alberta, Canada, makes suggestions to clubs which wish to hold special "Canadian Coin Nights." She donates coin prizes to one club a month, but will gladly send booklets and other information to all inquiring clubs.

The **Logansport Coin Club's** annual exhibit and bourse will be held January 20 at the Memorial Home, Seventh and Market Sts., Logansport, Ind. Prizes will be awarded. Anyone interested in either exhibit or bourse space is requested to get in touch with Warren T. Lybrook, chairman, 323 Pearl St., Logansport, Ind.

Los Angeles Coin Club is offering a \$25.00 reward for information leading to the apprehension of any person committing robbery or theft of coins in the amount of \$100.00 or more, anywhere in the United States. The club suggests that other clubs and the A.N.A. take similar action.

The **Missouri Numismatic Society** November meeting featured "Illinois Night"; exhibited were Illinois provisional sales tax tokens, broken bank

notes, wooden "nickels," and other items.

A 10-day exhibition of coins, currency and tokens was held in Victoria, British Columbia, beginning Nov. 10. Sponsor was the **Victoria Coin Club**. Some rare items, such as a high relief 1907 double eagle, the \$10.00 and \$20.00 British Columbia in gold, bronze and silver-gilt, British Columbia pioneer tokens and the MacDonald bank notes, were shown. Illustrated brochures of the event are available for 50c from Allan Klenman, 3250 Beach Dr., Victoria, B. C.

The **Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society** received a gift of bound copies of papers previously read before the group. Donor was Mr. Kennedy, curator.

Exhibit Oddments—Western Pennsylvania transportation tokens (Harry C. Bartley, Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society). Bracteates (C. C. Saeman, Seattle CC). Spiked chin half cent (Vic Stangel, Oklahoma City CC). Four Louisiana Purchase medals (Aaron Feldman, Brooklyn CC). Gold watch made by Augustus Humbert in 1862, the back of which is identical with the reverse of the \$50 gold piece (Phil Williams, Pittsburgh Numismatic Society). Biblical coins (M. Granis, Long Island CC). Medals from minor expositions (C. Ragot, Bergen County CC). Bell thalers of Brunswick-Luneberg (Judge Sawicki, Western Reserve Numismatic C). Orphan Annie dime (Ed Perkins, Boston Numismatic Society). Large Napoleon medal AN VIII (Charles Ricard, Rochester Numismatic Association). "Humorous note" (George Cucore, Philadelphia CC). Confederate half dollar restrike (W. H. Arthur, New York Numismatic C). Hungarian independence note of 1852 (George Habermehl, Chicago CC). Proof dollar, 1895 (Fred Catalano, Oak Park CC). Massachusetts clearing house certificates (Dr. W. W. Baumgartner, Worcester County Numismatic Society). Pony express medal (Cora Miles, Osage CC). Coin jewelry (Mrs. Lincoln, Coin Club of Rhode Island).

Money speaks sense in a language all nations understand.—Aphra Ben

THE GOLD SIEGE INGOT OF MALTA

By

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A "coin de necessite" or "coin of necessity" is a war memento. Symbolizing the most crucial stage of a war, a siege, it is frequently rare. The world's rarest coin is the gold siege ingot of Malta preserved in the Valetta Museum and valued at one million pounds sterling.

In June, 1798, Gen. Bonaparte immorally seized Malta without a dec-

isles. Ports were blocked. Help either could not enter port or was captured en route. To continue the siege Vaubois found it expedient to strike necessity money. He instructed that all ingots be identical in value they represented so that the bearer might redeem them at face in any country to which they might be transported incurring no



laration of war. Placing Vaubois in supreme command of the isles, he fled to Egypt. Vaubois commanded a garrison of 4,000 men and struck the world's rarest coin.

The specimen is an imperfect oblong 16.44K gold bar measuring less than one inch square in surface area. Two specimens were struck in silver and copper as well as in gold. A Maltese cross gold bar is also believed to have been made. The French government has converted a number of these pieces into gold bullion.

It would be futile to enumerate the various specimens in view of their extreme rarity and unavailability. Infinite are the mysterious legends relating to this emergency coin. No previous owner of any gold ingot is yet known, nor is the number struck available. There is no information on the copper siege ingots at all.

Following the siege the grim specter of starvation enveloped the

loss. The theory is advanced that the first gold ingot struck was given to Vaubois.

The specimen features the French lion rampant incused within an oval intaglio on the obverse, while the reverse reveals the value in a diagonal position. The serial number in the upper right hand corner tells the striking sequence, in this case the 24th. The symbol "T" in the lower left angle is unidentified. The first character diagonally is the conventional Italian scudo symbol or U. S. dollar sign. Following is the value in scudi or dollars, in this case J0 equals 10. Then the value in tari and lastly the value in grani. (Tari are old Italian 5¢ silver coins; grani are equal to British farthings.)

Michel Hennin, in his *Histoire Numismatique de la Revolution Francaise*, says the gold siege ingot of Malta was struck June 30, 1799. A specimen with a little lamb countermarked on its severed edge has been published.

INDIAN AND POST TRADER TOKENS: OUR FRONTIER COINAGE

By

J. J. CURTO, A.N.A. No. 9641

(Continued from November, 1956, issue)

CHAS. McKITTRICK:

63 $\frac{1}{8}$ B 50¢ token.

Obv. — CHAS. McKITTRICK — INDIAN — TRADER — GALLUP — NEW MEXICO.

Rev. — GOOD FOR — 50¢ — IN — MERCHANDISE.

Alum. — octagonal — 30 mm. or 19/16 of an inch.

63 $\frac{1}{8}$ C 25¢ similar — 28 mm. or 17/16 of an inch.

FRED L. MOSS:

63 $\frac{1}{4}$ E 5¢ token.

Obv. — FRED L. MOSS — TRADER — IN — INDIAN MDSE — GALLUP — N. MEX.

Rev. — GOOD FOR — 5¢ — IN TRADE.

Brass — 20 mm. or 13/16 of an inch.

J. D. RICHARDS:

63 $\frac{3}{8}$ 5¢ token.

Obv. — J. D. RICHARDS — WETUMKA — I.T. (center hole).



Rev. — GOOD FOR — 5¢ (center hole) 5¢ — IN TRADE.

Alum. — 26 mm. or 16/16 of an inch.

G. W. SAMPSON:

63 $\frac{1}{2}$ A One dollar.

Obv. — G. W. SAMPSON — GALLUP, N.M., a wreath of maize around an ornament in center.

Rev. — GOOD FOR — \$1.00 — IN — MERCHANDISE.

Ni. — 29 mm. or 18/16 of an inch.

63 $\frac{1}{2}$ B 50¢ similar — size unknown.

63 $\frac{1}{2}$ C 25¢ similar except "IN MERCHANDISE" in one line — 25 mm. or 15/16 of an inch.

63 $\frac{1}{2}$ D 10¢ similar to 63 $\frac{1}{2}$ C — 19 mm. or 12/16 of an inch.

63 $\frac{1}{2}$ E 5¢ similar to 63 $\frac{1}{2}$ C — 21 mm. or 13/16 of an inch.

S. SCHWEMBERGER:

63 $\frac{5}{8}$ E 5¢ token.

Obv. — S. SCHWEMBERGER — GALLUP — N.M., a star ornament in center.

Rev. — 5.

Brass — 18 mm. or 11/16 of an inch.

W. E. WASHINGTON:

63¾ 50¢ token.

Obv. — W. E. WASHINGTON — 50¢ — TRADE — MARIETTA, I.T.

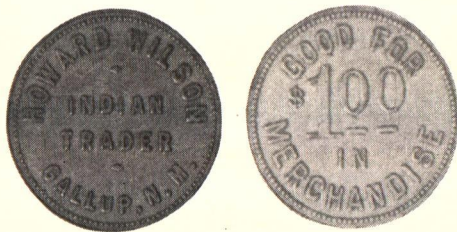
Rev. — GOOD FOR — 50¢ — MERCHANDISE.

Brass — 28 mm. or 18/16 of an inch.

HOWARD WILSON:

64½A One dollar.

Obv. — HOWARD WILSON — INDIAN — TRADER — GALLUP, N.M.



Rev. — GOOD FOR — \$1.00 — IN — MERCHANDISE.

Brass — 31 mm. or 19/16 of an inch.

64½B 50¢ similar — 29 mm. or 18/16 of an inch.

64½C 25¢ similar — 26 mm. or 16/16 of an inch.

64½D 10¢ similar — 22 mm. or 14/16 of an inch.

P. QUINONES:

64¾B 50¢ token.

Obv. — P. QUINONES — INDIAN — TRADER.



Rev. — GOOD FOR — 50 — IN TRADE.

Brass — octagonal — 23 mm. or 14/16 of an inch.

DUNLAP & FLORER:

65Aa One dollar token similar to No. 65 with different reverse die. In No. 65 the "S" in TRADERS and the "D" in DUNLAP are close, in No. 65Aa they are wide apart.

Brass — reeded edge — 22 mm. or 14/16 of an inch.

G. W. FELT:

67½ One dollar token.

Obv. — An elk running right.

Rev. — G.W. FELT with 7 stars above and below.

Copper — 38 mm. or 20/16 of an inch (similar to No. 66 except metal).

68½ 50¢ token similar in copper — 31 mm. or 19/16 of an inch.

68¾ 50¢ token similar in W.M. — 31 mm. or 19/16 of an inch.

LEE & REYNOLDS:

- 69V One dollar token similar to No. 69 except "TRADEMARK" instead of "TRADE CHECK."
Obv. — Buffalo charging to left.
Rev. — LEE & REYNOLDS — TRADEMARK — CHEYENNE AGENCY.
Ni. — 31 mm. or 20/16 of an inch.

LEWIS & PICKETT:

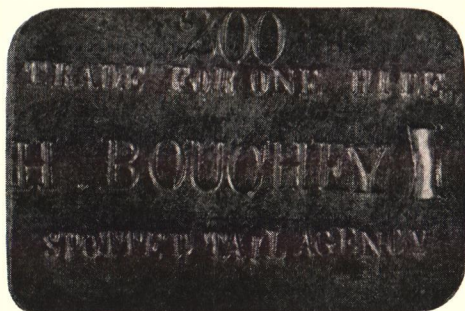
- 70B 50¢ token.
Obv. — Liberty head left, stars around, 1876 below.
Rev. — GOOD IN TRADE WITH — LEWIS & PICKETT — FOR — 50 —
SAC & FOX AGENCY — INDIAN TERRITORY.
Brass — 26 mm. or 16/16 of an inch.

RANKIN & GIBBS:

- 72 50¢ token — copper — no description (Barnet No. 4720A).
73 25¢ token.
Obv. — Spread eagle facing right, arrows and olive branch in talons.
Rev. — RANKIN & GIBBS — GOOD FOR — 25 — CENTS — IN GOODS —
SAC & FOX TRADERS.
Brass — 20 mm. or 12/16 of an inch.

H. BOUCHEY:

- 80 One hide token.
Obv. — 200 — TRADE FOR ONE HIDE — H. BOUCHEY — SPOTTED
TAIL AGENCY (all incused).



Rev. — Blank.

Brass — rectangular — 39 x 61 mm. or 1 9/16 of an inch by 2 6/16 of an inch (slotted at right end).

The following letter relative to the above gives all of the information available on this most interesting token:

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
FIELD SERVICE

Rapid City, South Dakota
May 18, 1952

Mr. James J. Curto
912 Rivard Boulevard
Grosse Pointe 30, Michigan
Dear Mr. Curto:

The hide tickets or tokens 401a and 401b were in the John A. Anderson collection which the Federal Government purchased from Mr. Anderson in 1939. Mr. Anderson spent many years on the Rosebud Indian collec-

tion. He operated an Indian Trading Post and I imagine he either purchased the tokens outright or traded groceries for them. His card in our files reads as follows: "Two metal tags issued to Indians in exchange for hides at the Spotted Tail Agency in 1877. They were issued by the traders and called 'traders money,' each one reads 'trade for one hide, H. Bouchey, Spotted Tail Agency.'" Mr. Anderson seems to have obtained the tokens in 1878.

The above information is all we have in our files and I hope it is the information you wanted. Mr. Anderson passed away in California about three years ago.

Yours very truly,

/s/ (Mrs.) Helen C. Evans
Curator

TRADING POSTS

BLANDING TRADING POST, BLANDING, UTAH:

- 110A One dollar.
Obv. — BLANDING — TRADING — POST — BLANDING, UTAH.
Rev. — GOOD FOR — \$1.00 — IN TRADE.
Brass — 38 mm. or 24/16 of an inch.
- 110B 50¢ token similar — size not available.



- 110C 25¢ token similar — 23 mm. or 15/16 of an inch.
110D 10¢ token similar — size not available.
110E 5¢ token similar — 21 mm. or 13/16 of an inch.

BLOOMFIELD COMMISSARY:

- 113A One dollar.
Obv. — GOOD FOR — 1.00 — IN TRADE — AT — BLOOMFIELDS COMMISSARY.
Rev. — NOT GOOD — AT ANY — OTHER PLACE — AND NOT — EXCHANGEABLE — FOR CASH.
Alum. — octagonal — 35 mm. or 22/16 of an inch.
- 113B 50¢ token similar — 32 mm. or 20/16 of an inch.
113C 25¢ token similar — 29 mm. or 18/16 of an inch.
113D 10¢ token similar — 20 mm. or 12/16 of an inch.
113E 5¢ token similar — 24 mm. or 15/16 of an inch.
- These tokens are usually found cancelled with a punched hole or various other cancellation punch marks. Bloomfield's Commissary was a trading post at Bonega Pass, Prewitt, N. Mex.

Answer (to question on page 16): The U. S. silver 20-cent piece and the nickel 5-cent piece, each weighing five grams or 77.16 grains.

NEW OR RECENT ISSUES

Described by ERNST KRAUS

It is the important duty of *The Numismatist* to record and illustrate new coins. To accomplish this, members in the United States and abroad are invited to submit new issues to Ernst Kraus, Apt. A, 1501 E. Mt. Airy Ave., Philadelphia 50, Pa. Coins will be photographed and returned as soon as possible, and a credit line will be given to anyone assisting.

BRITISH HONDURAS



50 Cents, 1954. Copper-Nickel. Obverse: Crowned head of Queen, right, legend: QUEEN ELIZABETH THE SECOND. Reverse: value in center, date in lower panel, legend in two upper panels: BRITISH HONDURAS. 25 Cents, 1955. Copper-Nickel. Similar.

(Vincent F. Torhan, Numismatic Company of America.)

BRITISH WEST AFRICA



1 Penny, 1956. Bronze. Obverse: Value in English and Arabic around center hole, crown on top, legend: QUEEN ELIZABETH THE SECOND. Reverse: Six pointed star, date below, inscription in upper part: BRITISH WEST AFRICA. This specimen donated to the ANA collection by Vin-

cent F. Torhan of the Numismatic Co. of America.

EAST AFRICA



5 Cents, 1955. Bronze. Obverse: Crown above, value below center hole, ornaments on each side, legend: QUEEN ELIZABETH THE SECOND. Reverse: Elephants' tusks on each side, numeral 5 for value above, date below center hole, inscription on top: EAST AFRICA, holed planchet. This specimen donated to the ANA collection by Vincent F. Torhan of the Numismatic Co. of America.

FINLAND



200 Markkaa, 1956. Silver. Obverse: Arms in shield, date below, legend: SUOMEN TASAVALLA (Finnish Republic). Reverse: Value surrounded by firs, MARKKAA on the bottom. Small H at right is for HELLE, the Director of the Mint.



100 Markkaa, 1956. Silver. Similar. Both coins have a reeded edge. Both

specimens have been described and donated to the ANA collection by Leonid Soderman of Helsinki. Also Lauren Benson.

with helmet, holding staff in left hand and grasping a small tree with her right, value L. 100 at left, mintmark R (Rome) at right, date on bottom, reeded edge. (Vernon L. Brown,

HUNGARY



25 Forint, 1956. Silver. Obverse: House of Parliament, legend above: MAGYAR, below: NEPKOZTARSASAG (Hungarian Peoples Republic). Reverse: Cogwheel and laurel branch, arms above dividing value, below: 1946-1956, mintmark BP (Budapest).



20 Forint, 1956. Silver. Obverse: Bridge across the Danube, legend as above. Reverse: Arms and wheat stalks dividing value, dates 1946-1956 below.



10 Forint, 1956. Silver. Obverse: National museum, legend as above. Reverse: Arms, value on laurel spray, dates 1946-1956, BP mintmark below. (Robert Friedberg, Gimbels Coin Dept.; Numismatic Company of America; Lauren Benson.)

ITALY

100 Lire, 1956. Steel. Obverse: Woman's head with laurel wreath, left. Legend: REPUBBLICA ITALIANA. Reverse: Woman standing, dressed in the style of classical Greece



Curator, Museum of Moneys of the World, The Chase-Manhattan Bank, Lauren Benson)

VATICAN CITY



100 Lire, 1951. Gold. Obverse: Bust of the Pope, right. Legend: PIUS XII. P(ontifex) M(aximus) AN(no) XIII. (Year 13 of his reign as Pope). Reverse: Woman standing with two small children, representing Charity, date at left, value at right, inscription below: CARITAS. Legend: CITTA DEL VATICANO. (Robert Friedberg, Gimbels Coin Dept.)



50 Lire, 1956. Steel. Obverse: Bust of the Pope, right, legend: PIUS XII. P. M. A. XVIII (Pontifex Maximus Anno XVIII, the 18th year of his rule). Reverse: Figure of a woman standing and holding an anchor, representing Hope, value left, date right, inscription below: SPES (Latin for hope), legend around upper part: CITTA DEL VATICANO. (Lauren Benson, Numismatic Co. of America.)

Notes & Queries

"How To"

With this issue, we inaugurate the "How To" feature, which can only be continued with the help of our readers. If you have any "How To" articles burdening you, why not ease your conscience by writing them and shipping them off to the Editor. The first "How To" is on the subject of insuring your coin collection and is written by J. E. Borhek. His discussion may be found elsewhere in this number of *The Numismatist*.

What Are These Coins?

Pictured are two coins that were acquired several years apart by P. K. Anderson, 420 NW 11th St., Oklahoma



(Enlarged)

City 3, Okla., during his residence in South America, and he requests the aid of other numismatists in identifying them. He obtained the copper coin in Venezuela and the silver one in Colombia, the latter as a half real in conjunction with a set of Mendoza pieces. Later examination of the coin showed the absence of the castles and lions on the reverse and their replacement by pellets in each quadrant which would seem to rule out Mendoza. Until such time as he obtains other information, he has attributed them to Salazar de las Palmas in Colombia on the strength of a footnote at the bottom of page 124, Vol. 3, *Catalogo de la Coleccion de Monedas y Medallas de Manuel Vidal Quadras y Ramon*, the only reference found so far. As Anderson says, however, it seems strange that "while I lived in Colombia for seven years and Vene-

zuela for 14, I have never been able to locate Salazar de Las Palmas."

Another New Feature

The Numismatist, beginning with this issue, begins a regular feature, "The Cent Collectors' Forum." Walter Breen, noted for his scholarly research and careful attention to detail, will conduct the column. Since his first work for the late Wayte Raymond in 1951, he has examined more than 120,000 documents in the National Archives. The Editor welcomes Mr. Breen to our pages and is pleased that his comments and observations will be available to A.N.A. members.

Sudanese Currency

Issuance of the new Sudanese paper money has been postponed until March, 1957. The Sudanese pound will have the same value as the Egyptian pound which it will replace.

Various Media of Exchange in America

Dear Sir:

For some years I have been looking for information on media of exchange that have been used in the United States. I particularly want them broken down as to present day states, for example, nutmegs in Connecticut, Civil War tokens in Illinois, Ohio, etc., wampum in Massachusetts, etc., nails in New Hampshire, and so on. I wish to have source of the information (books, magazines, etc.). If any reader can assist, I'll be appreciative.

— G. A. MACLENNAN
A.N.A. No. 5179
Route 2,
Sterling, Ill.

Likes Token Page

Dear Mr. Bradfield:

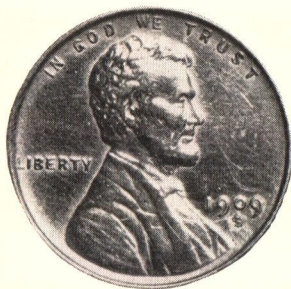
Thanks for the interesting and informative articles appearing in *The Numismatist*. The one which appeals to me the most is the "Token Collector's Page" by the Fuld's. There are many token enthusiasts, I know, who greatly appreciate all articles bearing on this particular phase of numismatics.

— ARCHER M. GRAHAM
A.N.A. No. 3049
Draper, Va.

Fake 1909-S, V.D.B.

Dear Sir:

Have you ever seen a fake 1909-S, V.D.B. cent? Bought this coin in 1939 for \$2.00 and did not know it was a



phony until a few years ago. Someone went to a lot of trouble to solder an "S" on it. I thought some of our readers might be interested.

— J. EDWARD RHULE

A.N.A. No. 25989
311 Thirteenth St.
Altoona, Pa.

Cleaning of Coins

Dr. Francis W. Constable, A.N.A. No. 22078, says that except for the removal of dirt, the only good reason for cleaning coins is the removal of the stigma of "lucre."

Uruguayan Coins Being Melted

Uruguayan silver coins of one peso, 50 centavos and 20 centavos are being withdrawn since their silver content exceeds their face value. Many of them have been melted down for the profit involved.

Clippings

William Guild, program director of St. Petersburg's Science Center and one of Florida's leading exponents of coin collecting for the youth of our country, was featured editorially in St. Petersburg *Times* on March 9, 1956, and in Mason Woolford's column of the St. Petersburg *Independent* on June 26, 1956.

An Associated Press story of Nov. 25, 1956, says that gold plated counterfeits of double eagles have appeared in several Central American countries.

A Michigan bank recently paid out \$1,000 on a Brazilian note worth about \$11.50. The teller assumed the bill was a Canadian thousand dollar note.

The PhilaMatic Center in Boys Town, Neb., is still adding paper money to its collection. One item was an uncut sheet of a dozen one dollar silver certificates, series 1935-D. Another is a half sheet (six notes) of the \$20 national currency, series 1928. Aubrey Bebee has added four uncut sheets to his already large exhibit in the Center.

Kalvart Tidwell keeps Texas newspaper readers pretty well posted on numismatic items with frequent letters to the editor. His latest is printed in the *Redland Herald* of Nacogdoches, Texas, Nov. 1, and ties in the subject of paper money with the opening of a new local bank.

Two armed men robbed a West Babylon, N. Y., taxi driver and his recluse sister of \$12,000 hidden in a feed bag and brought about the discovery of an untold amount of coins and paper money in a junk-filled nine-room house. The cash had been concealed in two sealed boxes.

The Church of the Nazarene in Pond Creek, Okla., was willed an accumulation of 4,000 dimes, some of which reportedly date back to the 1890s. The pastor, Rev. E. C. Stegall, obtained a coin book and has examined the hoard for items of possible value to collectors.

(The above news items were sent in by M. M. Harrod, William Guild, M. C. Sauer, Kalvart Tidwell, Peter S. Favro and others.)

Cal State Auction

Some of the realized prices in the California State Numismatic Association auction, conducted by Leo Young, were: 1936 proof set, \$510; 1927-S 25¢, \$201; 1919-D 50¢, \$180; 1856 FE cent unc., \$475; 1903-O \$1.00, \$262; 1860 50¢ proof, \$16; 1873 50¢ proof, \$71; 1938 PDS Boone set, \$215; 1919-S 50¢, \$270; 1856 FE cent proof, \$610; 1915 10¢ proof, \$89; 1868 proof set, \$295; Lazy 2 \$2 bill, \$210; Panama Pacific set, \$3600; 1926-S 5¢, \$110. According to the auctioneer, prices in general were strong with proofs, proof sets, Indian and Lincoln cents leading the list. Both commemoratives and gold are improving their positions. Young has been awarded the auctions for Cal State's April, 1957, meeting and for Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association's May, 1957, convention.

Finds Quarter

Dear Mr. Bradfield:

I had to write you and tell you about my latest find. After five years of searching I received a 1932-S quarter in change at a supermarket yesterday. The coin is in good condition and gives me a lot more hope of finding the 1932-D which will complete my collection of the Washington head quarters.

I look forward to your most informative magazine every month and especially enjoy "Notes & Queries."

— WILLIAM H. REILLY

A.N.A. No. 22916

32 George St.

Avenel, N. J.

"Elongated" Coins

Dear Sir:

Recently there has been quite a bit of interest in elongated cents and other elongated coins. In going over my collection, I came across a very unusual item in this field which I thought might be of interest to collectors. It is an elongated Hawaiian half dollar and was struck at the Columbian Exposition. I have noticed many more collectors coming into this field and think that any information pertaining to this field will be of help to them.

— MAURICE M. GOULD

LM 144

Box 141

Chestnut Hill 67, Mass.

On Returning Borrowed Books

Dear Mr. Bradfield:

The proceedings of the 65th annual convention of the A.N.A. were admirably presented in the October issue of *The Numismatist*. While I was not able to attend, I did very much enjoy reading the various reports because, through them, I got the feeling of being there and of "belonging." Especially did I like your report on the projected "How to" page. I am sure this will prove a success.

The only discordant note in all of the proceedings could be detected in the report of our Librarian. Mrs. DeNise mentioned that her "report could be so much better had a few borrowers returned their books sooner so that waiting reservations could be filled." I think that this condition is shameful not only because it exists but more so because it is allowed to exist.

Maybe your first "How To" page should be entitled "How to Borrow a

Book." The rules appear to me to be very simple and the time for retention of the borrowed books seems to be ample for even the veteran researcher. In the past, in her excellent column, Mrs. DeNise has found it necessary on several occasions to mention various instances where books have been overdue for months at a time thereby depriving serious collectors of the use of these wanted volumes. Now, I know the easiest solution is to say "there ought to be a law" and then promptly forget the matter. But I think this condition to be too serious and, if left unchecked, I can foresee the practice becoming more numerous and more flagrant. Surely, there must be something in our regulations to mete out more severe penalties to consistently delinquent borrowers than the few cents fine now imposed.

Our library is the finest in the country and it must be very discouraging to our Librarian and to other conscientious members when a very few abuse the privileges of their membership.

— GEORGE H. BECHT

A.N.A. No. 18258

Is Now the Time?

Dear Sir:

I would like to write a few words about coin collecting today as an investment. There are many people of average means who are buying proof sets and other common coins at what I believe are highly inflated prices. While people nowadays seem to have lots of money and find it easy to pay high prices for coins, especially in view of the fact that coins are fascinating, they may find it much harder to dispose of them at ridiculously low prices when either a country-wide or a personal financial pinch comes, if it ever does.

To think that times are always going to be so that 1953 or 1954 proof sets will be selling for \$15.00 or \$20.00 is a thought far too optimistic for me to swallow. I hope, however, they are, for most of our troubles would be over and we would become the first generation of peoples who no longer had to worry about depressed financial conditions.

It seems to me like a pretty good time for people of modest means to sell off any loose coins they have lying around the house. A little reasoning will dictate that when one person is prospering the other fellow has just that much less. If two men

sit down to gamble with \$1.00 between them and one winds up with 97¢, the other poor bird will go home sobbing softly to himself.

— EDWARD C. HAMM
A.N.A. No. 23021
Java Lake Rd.
Arcade, N. Y.

Michigan Auction

Highlights of the Michigan State convention auction of Nov. 16-17, as reported by Auctioneer Michael Kolman, are: Sommers Island shilling fine \$260; Rosa Americana 1722 two-pence unc. \$42; Massachusetts 1787 cent unc. \$27; Continental dollar pewter unc. \$155; Myddleton token silver \$105; Castorland half dollar original \$100; 1877 cent proof \$125; 1873 2¢ proof \$97.50; 1877 3¢ proof \$110; 1877 20¢ proof \$150; 1916 Liberty Standing 25¢ unc. \$155; Hawaii commemorative half dollar \$110; 1870 Calif. round dollar \$67.50; 1895 proof dollar \$450; 1911-D \$2.50 gold unc. \$95; 1936 proof set \$460; 1937 proof set \$175; Washington Lafayette counterstamped on 1824 half dollar \$625; Confederate 1861 cent copper \$230; Leshner dollar of H. Stein \$460.

Luck

Dear Mr. Editor:

One of our local super markets decided to run a contest, offering \$50 for the oldest cent of regular issue. This I won with the greatest of ease by merely producing a 1793 from my collection of cents. This was only the beginning of my good fortune, as the manager of the store loaned me the registration book after the contest closed. I had several hundred post cards printed, stating I would purchase any coins or would consider trading with anyone also enjoying the same hobby. The experience made the original prize look quite small.

So, keep your eyes open folks, you too might have the same good fortune.

— CLAIR STUKEY
LM 287
Angola, Ind.

Inaugural Medal

Dear Mr. Bradfield:

The new inaugural medal of Pres. Dwight D. Eisenhower and Vice President Nixon will go on sale shortly. Two will be made in solid gold to be presented to the President and Vice President. There will be 500 in silver, numbered from 1 through 500 and 15,000 in bronze

which will not be numbered. The medals are being struck by the Medallist Art Co.

Following are the prices and the address for ordering the medals, which will be about 2¾ inches in diameter and will bear the likenesses of both the President and Vice President: silver medal, \$27.50 each, postpaid, bronze, \$3.50 each, postpaid. Available from Gilbert Hahn, Jr., Inaugural Medal Committee, 1022 15th St., N.W., Washington, D. C.

I hope this information will let some of the members get their orders in early as the committee has not published any information except that a medal would be made.

— F. C. SCHNEIDER
1353 Irish St., N.W.
Washington 12, D. C.

Destructive Weapon

Dear Mr. Bradfield:

During the last year I have received, at different times, three gold coins that were smashed by stapling machines. It seems to be standard practice when packaging coins for mailing to insert the coins into a folded piece of cardboard and then whack a stapling machine, thus closing the open ends of the cardboard. Woe to any enclosed coin which may slide near or under the working end of the machine.

To prevent damaging coins when making up a parcel, use adhesive tape — no staples.

— JOHN M. ZIDLUCK
A.N.A. No. 5340
6911 Polk St.
Guttenberg, N. J.

California State

The California State Numismatic Association's convention was held in Santa Barbara Nov. 8 to 11, 1956, with a registered attendance of 203. The bourse accommodated 34 dealers. H. S. Davidson was General Chairman.

Fox Valley Hosts Illinois Stampers

The Fox Valley Stamp and Coin Club will be host to the Illinois Federation of Stamp Clubs at its annual IFPEX exhibition and meeting Feb. 16-17. The Aurora club will issue a cacheted envelope in connection with the show. Cachets may be purchased for 15¢ each or two for a quarter in cash. Send requests to Vern W. Graham, Dugan Road, Sugar Grove, Ill.

Correction

The following two coins were inadvertently omitted from the advertisement of James L. Doak, P. O. Box 913, Chicago 90, Ill. on page 1514, December, 1956, *Numismatist*: Chile, 100 pesos gold, 1946, unc., \$29.75, and Russia three roubles platinum, 1844, v. f. \$69.00.

What Others Publish

William H. Dillistin's *A Descriptive History of National Bank Notes, 1863-1935*, privately printed, Paterson, N. J., \$5.00. Detailed information of the early national bank notes of 1863-1882, national gold banks and bank notes and national bank notes from 1882 to 1935.

Die Münzprägungen des Hauses Habsburg, 1780-1918, und der Bundesrepublik Österreich, 1918-1956, by Peter Jaekel, published 1956 by Münzen und Medaillen A. G., Malzgasse 25, Basel, Switzerland, paper bound, fully illustrated, 157 pages, \$3.50.

Die Deutschen Reichsmünzen Seit 1871, third revised and enlarged edition by Kurt Jaeger, 190 pages, over 600 illustrations, published in 1956 by Münzen und Medaillen, Malzgasse 25, Basel, Switzerland, paper bound \$2.25, cloth bound \$3.50. The list of valuations, issued in 1951, has not been revised but is still available as a separate at 60¢. This book on the coins of the German empire since 1871 is recommended.

Seaby's *Coin and Medal Bulletin*, Oct., 1956. Continues H. G. Stride's "The Royal Mint" and Arthur Water's "Notes on the Silver Tokens of the Nineteenth Century," brief book reviews, and L. V. Larsen's "Some Die Varieties in the Silver Coinage of Queen Anne." The Nov. 1956, issue of the bulletin continues the serials by both Stride and Waters and offers I. D. Brown's "The King's Evil." Also included in both issues are items for sale.

The Numismatic Circular, Oct., 1956. "The Bronze Coinage of the House of Constantine, 324-346" by P. V. Hill and J. P. C. Kent is continued; "H.M.S. 'Tonnant'" by R. Nott; and book reviews. The Nov., 1956 number has "Two Anglo-Saxon Myths" by R. H. M. Dolley; "Some Reminiscences of a Famous Collector" by Ignotus; and begins "Roman Numismatic Art, 200-400" by C. C. Ver-

meule; book reviews. Obituaries, society news and items for sale are in both issues.

Harry G. Hughan, P. O. Box 48, 60 Pembroke St., Carterton, N. Z., has compiled and issued privately an eight page booklet on the *New Zealand Coinage, 1933-1956*. It contains historical facts and statistics on the coinage.

The Crown and Taler for Oct. 15, 1956, contains the second installment of L. W. McCabe's "Notes on the Coinage of Spanish America." The Nov. 15, 1956, number continues H. M. Severin's "Coinage of Russia" and begins Randolph Zander's "About Books on Coins."

The Canadian Numismatic Journal, Oct., 1956. J. D. Ferguson's "Canadian Decorations and Medals," A. E. H. Petrie's "Forms of Chinese Money Up to A. D. 1600," CNA convention and club reports. The Nov., 1956, number has Sir John Craig's "Trial of the Pyx," P. S. Favro's "Evolution of Currency in British North America," and "Proposed Classification of Canadian and Newfoundland Die Varieties."

Numismatic Literature, July, 1956, carries abstracts and brief reviews of books and magazine articles in the field.

Speculum, April, 1956. "Coins of Old French Literature," by U. T. Holmes, Jr.

Bulletin de Correspondance Hellenique, vol. 79, no. 2, pp. 509-527. "Un thème Alexandrin sur un Médailion de Begram; le Cuisson Symbolique de Porc," by C. Picard.

The South Australian Numismatic Journal, April, 1956. "Balemarks of the East India Company and Coins" by E. Wodak, "Australian Service Medals" by W. E. Curran and "St. Eligius, the Patron Saint of Numismatology," by J. Hunt Deacon.

Las Monedas de Cuba (The Coinage of Cuba) by Thomas Lismore, Havana, Cuba, 1955, with text in both Spanish and English, privately printed, 84 pages, illustrated. Address of author is Calle 23, No. 413, Vedado, Havana, Cuba.

The cover of the Canadian edition of the *Reader's Digest*, Nov. 1956,

features illustrations of Canadian coins in full color.

The Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C., has issued House of Representatives' hearings on "Military Payment Certificates" (23 pages) and on "U. S. Currency Inscription" (H.R. 619). The latter is combined with other hearings under title "Miscellaneous Hearings."

Margaret A. Firth has edited a *Handbook of Scientific and Technical Awards in the United States and Canada, 1900-1952*, which gives the criteria for selecting winners, type of award given, and a chronological list of recipients. The Special Libraries Association, 31 East 10th St., New York 3, N. Y., is publisher and the price is \$10.00.

Numismatic Scrapbook, Oct. 20, 1956. "Buffaloed by the Buffalo Nickel" by Marianne F. Miller; "Cleaning and Care of Coins" by David L. Davis; "Numismatic Menagerie, The Jaguar" by Earl C. Brown; "Early Currency and Banknotes" by Clarence Fink; "Famous Men and Their Philosophies of Life" by John E. Ohls; "German Talers, 1700-1800" by John Davenport; "Mint Mark Positions on Lincoln Cents" by W. B. Dougherty; "Tetradrachms of Roman Egypt" by J. W. Curtis.

Price Lists

Bullowa's coin list, Nov., 1956. D. M. Bullowa, 37 S. 18th St., Philadelphia 3, Pa. Numismatic Books; U. S. coins, including gold and commemoratives; foreign coins; aviation medals. Dec., 1956. U. S. and foreign coins; arts and science medals.

Copley Coin Co., Oct.-Nov., 1956, price list. 581 Boylston St., Boston, Mass. Miscellaneous U. S. and foreign coins, especially U. S. dimes and quarters, large cents and half cents; crowns; Newfoundland coins; Canadian tokens. Dec., 1956. U. S. coins; American colonials; Canadian and Newfoundland coins.

Retail catalog, fall and winter, 1956. John and Frances Holden, R. R. 1, Garwin, Iowa. Coins, paper money, supplies.

Münzen und Medaillen A. G., Sept., 1956, list No. 160. Malzgasse 25, Basel, Switzerland. Greek and Roman coins; gold coins and medals; coins of Switzerland and Saxony; medals

of philosophers, scientists and technicians. Oct., 1956, list No. 161. Silver coins of Asia Minor; sestertii; gold coins; Swiss silver coins; German medieval coins; Spanish crowns struck in foreign countries.

Numismatic Fine Arts, fall, 1956, list No. 20. Edward Gans, 10 Rock Lane, Berkeley, Calif. Scarabs; seals; Italian gold coins; Greek coins; Corinth and her colonies; Kingdom of Bosphorus; Seleucid dynasty; Roman aes grave, imperial bronze; early Chinese; Brunswick multiple thalers; numismatic literature; bronze coins of the Holy Land.

Mark M. Salton-Schlessinger fixed price list No. 24, winter, 1956. 20 Magaw Pl., New York 33, N.Y. Greek silver coins; Roman denarii; ancient Spanish bronzes; foreign gold coins; French silver coins; South American silver coins; Spanish Netherlands silver coins; medals; numismatic literature.

Paul Tinchant, fixed price list, 64, rue de la Loi, Brussels, Belgium. Roman silver and bronze coins; Greek silver and bronze coins; silver coins and medals; base metal coins; Belgian medals.

Randolph Zander, list No. 28, Nov., 1956. 3217 Martha Curtis Dr., Alexandria, Va. Papal scudi; gold coins; Peruvian coins; Swedish coins; Polish coins; papal bronze medals; dollar size silver coins; miscellaneous lots.

RECEIVES PLAQUE



Hugh Hawkins, left, president of the Monticello Coin Club, receives from George Walton, MANA president, the A.N.A. third place Class C plaque of 1956 Coin Week competition

A.N.A. 1957 CONVENTION

THE 66th annual convention of the American Numismatic Association will be held Aug. 21 to 24, 1957, in the New Sheraton Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa. The Philadelphia Coin Club and associated clubs extend a most cordial invitation to you to attend.

Space for the bourse is fast being engaged under the guidance of Alexander Kaptik, Bourse Chairman, 3014 Knorr St., Philadelphia 49, Pa. Michael Kolman, Jr., Cleveland, Ohio, will conduct the auction. Saul Solomon, Chairman of Exhibits, will give full particulars for exhibitors in a later issue of *The Numismatist*. We are planning the most impressive exhibits ever amassed for any convention. With your help we will accomplish this aim.

The New Sheraton Hotel has been selected because of the many conveniences offered to guests. Watch for more details and photos in the next issue. Plans are being made for entertainment of the entire family. Decide now to spend the third week of August in historic Philadelphia.

— GEORGE W. MAGEE, JR.
Publicity Chairman

— ARTHUR SIPE
General Chairman

CALENDAR OF FUTURE NUMISMATIC EVENTS

In order that this Calendar be as complete as possible, secretaries of State or Regional Organizations should advise the General Secretary of future meetings which should be included.

Florida United Numismatists. Annual convention. Jan. 10-13, 1957. Orlando, Fla. Harper Mercer, Secretary-Treasurer, Box 1426, Clearwater, Fla.

Numismatic Association of Southern California. Second annual convention. Feb. 22-24, 1957. New Hotel Clark, Los Angeles, Calif. Earl Glen Whitehead, General Chairman, 448 S. Hill St., Los Angeles 13, Calif.; Harold F. Donald, Secretary, 19221 Oxnard St., Tarzana, Calif.

Nebraska Numismatic Association. Second annual convention. March 30-31, 1957. Fontenelle, Omaha, Neb. Kenneth S. Dorr, President, 2513 S. 46th Ave., Omaha 6, Neb.

Penn-Ohio Coin Clubs. Annual spring meeting, April 12-14, 1957. Carter Hotel, Cleveland, Ohio. William Jacka, General Chairman, care of Bedford Advertising Co., Bedford, Ohio.

Central States Numismatic Society. Fifteenth annual convention. April 26-28, 1957. Hotel Statler, St. Louis, Mo. James A. Berkel, General Chairman, 3828 N. Park Dr., Belleville, Ill. Earl C. Brown, Secretary, 7005 S. Normal Ave., Chicago 21, Ill.

National Coin Week, May 6-12, 1957. Gene N. Nichols, General Chairman, P. O. Box 325, Balboa Island, Calif.

Empire State Numismatic Association. Spring convention. May 10-12, 1957. Sheraton Hotel, Rochester, N. Y. Jacob Cheris, Secretary, 214 State St., Albany 6, N. Y.

Pacific Northwest Numismatic Association. Fourteenth annual convention, May 24-26, 1957, Multnomah Hotel, Portland, Ore. William N. Worth, General Chairman, 2146 N. Blandena St., Portland 11, Ore.

Oklahoma-Kansas Numismatic Association. Tenth annual convention. Oct. 11-12-13, 1957. Hotel Tulsa, Tulsa, Okla. W. H. Elliott, President, 1907 E. 13th Place, Tulsa 4, Okla.

American Numismatic Association. Sixty-sixth annual convention. Aug. 21-24, 1957. Sheraton Hotel, Philadelphia, Pa. Arthur Sipe, General Chairman, 4021 Bonsall Ave., Drexel Hill, Pa.

American Numismatic Association. Sixty-seventh annual convention. Aug. 11-16, 1958. Hotel Statler, Los Angeles, Calif. Earl Glen Whitehead, Chairman, 1318 Pershing Square Bldg., Los Angeles 13, Calif.

American Numismatic Association. Sixty-eighth annual convention. Aug. 25-29, 1959. Multnomah Hotel, Portland, Oregon.

REFLECTIONS ON A COIN CATALOG

There was a time when every coin catalog was a scientific work, whether the author was a collector or numismatist. The catalogs, therefore, were important source works of history, especially of the history of coinage and of public fiscal conduct. We may leave unanswered the question of why it is that the catalogs of the last decades fail to achieve this value. As an example, let us examine one of the latest 1956 catalogs under the critical lens.

For the history of numismatics only government-authorized coins are of interest, not medals, however superior their artistic merit may be to that of the coins.

A clear separation by countries is always necessary in order to draw conclusions. What, however, is one to say, when the text reads: "Thalers of Germany-Holy Roman Empire-Cities," and we find listed there more than a century later (152 years to be exact) Austria, Czechoslovakia 1929, 1939, and Slovakia Republic (Nazi protectorate, 1948, even, in fact 100 Kr. 1949, bust Stalin)? Neither, since the Latin-American coinage territory is entirely separate from the Spanish, may one include under "Spain" coins that were minted in Colombia, Mexico, Peru. Neither is it permissible in the case of a gymnasial prize of the Senate of Breslau to designate the King of Prussia "Duke of Silesia," although the medal clearly and conspicuously bears the inscription "Fridericus Borussiae Rex." Let us remark only incidentally that this prize medal was not a monetary coin.

The true coin collector is altogether misled by the blurring of designations, especially because "Thalers" is certainly a technical designation, but "crown" likewise should be monetary coinage only. In no case, however, can both the 3-mark piece and the 5-mark piece be called successors of the thaler, but only the former. The expression "commemorative thaler" (*gedenkthaler*) is especially misleading. We are usually dealing here with productions of private citizens especially competent in business, so that in the catalog that lies before me, neither Nos. 22-28, 35 coins, not even pieces classified as "pattern" are official designs (29, 30, 33-34 etc. as examples, 76, 77, 105, 128, 138, 178, 187, 338, 442, 694, 856, 983, 984, 1181, 1246, 1321, 1360, 1379, 73, 74, 79, 94, 106, 130, 131, 184, 185, 401, 392, 1124).

A less experienced collector will also deplore the lack of differentiation in the shooting thalers, for these are currency in Switzerland, not, however, coins in the true sense of the word in Germany after 1871; neither were there "small commemorative thalers" in Vienna in 1888, since at that time the florin determined the currency.

Nothing shows more clearly what speculation expects of the collector than a "heavy platinum 25 mark 1932"; the "platinum value" of which is "\$75 U.S.A." At that time no mint in Germany would have placed the value of platinum so low, because even \$10 in paper amounted to 25 RM. It was, however, as was proved by the sale of King Farouk, a good speculation for the producer. And attempts to repeat this are now being made in certain

cities in Germany, where legally unknown ducats or forgeries of old gold coins are being manufactured, both in Weidenau and in Wuppertal (2160, 2161).

These examples ought to stimulate the serious collector to reflection.—
DR. ALFRED KARGER, ANA 25404, SI AEN 128, Quito, Ecuador; translated from the German by Mary E. Baldwin.

THE TOKEN COLLECTOR'S PAGE

By

MELVIN AND GEORGE FULD

Collectors who can supply additional information on any of the tokens, either published or unpublished, are cordially invited to write the authors, Melvin Fuld, Apt. 1-D, Arlington Park Apts., 6701 Park Heights Ave., Baltimore 15, Md., or George Fuld, 120 Babcock St., Brookline 46, Mass.

Baltimore, Md.



Obverse: Around edge at top A. OPPENHEIMER, at bottom BALTIMORE, in center in three lines 53 / GERMAN / ST.

Reverse: In center in one curved and two straight lines GOOD FOR / 10 / CENTS, below in *exergue* KOEHLER.

Metal-copper, size 13, border no. 4, edge plain, issued 1864-68, unlisted.

A. Oppenheimer appears for the first time in the Baltimore directories in 1864 where he conducted a boarding house at 51 German St. He was located at this address through 1868. Sometime in 1868 or 1869 he moved to 166 W. Lombard St., one block south and one block west of his German St. address. He was listed at 164 and 166 W. Lombard St. in 1870. It must be supposed that he conducted some kind of store next door to his boarding house because of the address on the token.

An excellent example of Francis X. Koehler's early die work. The lettering is typical and could easily be recognized even without the signature. The planchet is very thin, about 1/32" thick. This is the only specimen ever seen, and is unlisted in the published works.

Md-21.141.1-SC-17-Cu-13-BdNo.4-Ed No.1-r9.

Baltimore, Md.



Obverse: Around edge JAMES AULICK in center with olive branch wreath, in two lines ONE / SODA.

Reverse: Fountain with tumblers at either side, 13 stars around edge.

Metal-German silver, size 10, border no. 4, edge—plain Levick sale, 1884—lot 238, Betts sale, 1898—lot 171, Jenks sale, 1921—lot 6452.

An interesting piece which we attribute to Baltimore. In the Levick sale it was ascribed to New York City and sold for \$1.50. In the Betts sale, Low states "possibly Baltimore and rare." In the Jenks sale, Chapman did not attribute it to any city, although the piece was listed with a group of Louisiana tokens. It sold for \$7.50.

James Aulick is listed in the Baltimore directory from 1851 to 1868, although Duffield did not list the piece.

In 1851, James Aulick was listed as a dry goods dealer at 661 W. Baltimore St. In 1853-54 as a wholesale commission agent, upstairs at 211 Baltimore St. and in 1855-56 as a millinery goods dealer at 3 N. Howard St. The only conceivable time he could have dealt in sodas was when he was a dry goods dealer in 1851. The piece is similar to many others issued in Baltimore from 1845 to 1852. May be considered very rare.

Md-21.15.1-CK-16-GS-10-EdNo1-Bd No.4-r8.

1957 PROOF SETS

Orders for 1957 U. S. proof sets may now be placed and should be accompanied with remittance in full at \$2.10 per set in the form of U. S. postal money order, certified personal check, or bank cashier's check, drawn to the order of Superintendent, U. S. Mint, Philadelphia. Personal checks that are not certified, and/or remittance in incorrect amount, or form, as specified, will necessarily be returned. Please do not send cash. Send orders to the Superintendent U. S. Mint, Philadelphia 30, Pa. To meet the dedicated purpose of proof coins for collectors, and to permit more widespread distribution, shipments in the early part of 1957 will be limited to a maximum of one hundred (100) sets per person, coin club, or organization. Acceptance of all orders is contingent upon the Mint's ability, with limited trained personnel, to

meet the unpredictable demand. If the quantity of orders received exceed the Mint's ability to produce, the policy of shipping limited quantities on large orders and favoring the individual collector on small orders will be resumed. Shipments will start approximately the first week of February, 1957.

Price and terms are subject to change without notice. U. S. proof coins of prior years are not available at the Mint. The Mint does not maintain a mailing list.

U. S. proof coins are sold only in sets. Each set consists of one each — half dollar, quarter, dime, nickel and cent (five coins). The price, \$2.10 per set, which includes postage and insurance, is the same whether the coins are purchased over the counter, or shipped by mail or express to any place within the United States.

DOMESTIC COINAGE EXECUTED, BY MINTS DURING OCTOBER, 1956

Denomination	Philadelphia	Denver	Total Value	Total Pieces
SILVER				
Half dollars				
Quarter dollars	\$1,815,000.00	\$1,005,000.00	\$2,820,000.00	11,280,000
Dimes	1,530,000.00	927,300.00	2,457,300.00	24,573,000
Total Silver	\$3,345,000.00	\$1,932,300.00	\$5,277,300.00	35,853,000
MINOR				
Five-cent pieces	\$ 786,400.00	\$ 343,800.00	\$1,130,200.00	22,604,000
One-cent pieces	764,200.00	1,630,900.00	2,395,100.00	239,510,000
Total Minor	\$1,550,600.00	\$1,974,700.00	\$3,525,300.00	262,114,000
Total Domestic Coinage	\$4,895,600.00	\$3,907,000.00	\$8,802,600.00	297,967,000

Proof Coins manufactured at Philadelphia — 89,209 sets.

COINAGE EXECUTED FOR FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS

Mint	Country	Alloy	Denomination	No. of Pieces
Philadelphia	Haiti	German Silver	20 Centimes	2,500,000

CUMULATIVE U. S. MINT REPORT FOR 1956, JANUARY TO OCTOBER, INCLUSIVE

(Giving the number of pieces struck exclusive of proof coins)

	Philadelphia	Denver
Half dollars	2,008,000	
Quarter dollars	28,824,000	21,904,800
Dimes	101,510,000	88,265,300
Five-cent pieces	17,820,000	50,442,700
One-cent pieces	182,250,000	906,178,600

Proof sets of 1956 struck through October 473,168

HANA PRESENTS CHECK TO MUSEUM



Recently the Heart of America Numismatic Association sold its coin collection and turned over the proceeds amounting to \$250 to the Kansas City Museum to start a permanent display of moneys of the world. Above, left to right, are Buford Ellis, secretary; John Maxim, vice president; Hart Mayer, president; Vic Hill, treasurer; Ray Janda, committeeman; Dr. Kenneth Prescott, director of the museum; and Lester Wright, committeeman

Report of the General Secretary

Applicants numbered 27243-27435 as published in the November issue have been admitted to membership.

APPLICANTS FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following applications were received in November 1956. If there are no objections filed prior to February 1, 1957, these applicants will become members on that date and notice to this effect will appear in the March issue.

- 27436 **Parnell Joyce**, 620 Davis St., Scranton 65, Pa. U. S. Coins. Robert A. Butler.
- 27437 **George William Howard**, R. R. 2, Lewisburg, Ohio. U. S. Coins. Luther H. Whitt, James E. Ewry, Jr.
- 27438 **Donald B. Fisher**, P. O. Box 38, Shamokin Dam, Snyder Co., Penna. General. Murray W. Rohland.
- 27439 **Walter G. Fisher**, Shamokin Dam, Snyder Co., Penna. Old Coins. Murray W. Rohland.
- 27440 **S. J. La Point**, 1046 Fullerton Ave., Corona, Calif. Indian Head and Lincoln Cents. V. L. Arrington, B. A. Yount.
- 27441 **George R. Hodges**, Route 1, Wolfton, South Carolina. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 27442 **Walter A. Farris**, 440 Riverside Dr., Apt. 82, New York 27, N. Y. U. S. Coins. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 27443 **Twin City Coin Club**, Mrs. Henry D. Kohfeldt, Secy., 421 Winneconne Ave., Neenah, Wis. Chester L. Krause.
- 27444 **Robert W. Hardin**, 4729 NW 16th, Oklahoma City 7, Okla. U. S. Coins and Proofs. J. H. Ashby, Claude C. Farwell.

- 27445 **Harry R. Blazsek**, Box 215, Newton Falls, Ohio. U. S. Coins. J. Blazsek, Charles R. Dovalasky.
- 27446 **Carl Roeveer**, 94-25 54th Ave., Elmhurst 73, Long Island, New York. U. S. Coins and Tokens. George W. Smith, Jr.
- 27447 **Richard L. Cheney**, 522 E. Norfolk St., Tampa 4, Fla. General. Murray L. Booth, Frank Chanok.
- 27448 **Harold D. Adcock**, 8528 Tilden Ave., Van Nuys, Calif. Types and General. Bruce B. Bartholow, Karl M. Brainard, Grace L. Brainard.
- 27449 **A. O. Nicholson**, Mercantile National Bank, P. O. Box 5415, Dallas 22, Texas. U. S. Coins. W. A. Philpott, Jr.
- 27450 **Eugene A. Carson**, P. O. Box 1356, New Smyrna Beach, Fla. U. S. Coins. J. U. Gillespie.
- 27451 **George E. Synnott**, 1425 Margaret St., St. Paul 6, Minn. U. S. Coins. Arnold T. Holmberg.
- 27452 **Charles E. Lumpkin**, 2381-A Lindmont Circle, NE, Atlanta 5, Ga. U. S. and Canadian Series and Proofs. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 27453 **Harrell R. Abel**, 5335 Park Ave., Kansas City 30, Mo. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 27454 **James G. Koester**, 2422 N. 95th St., Wauwatosa 13, Wis. U. S. coins. Hubert L. Polzer, LeRoy H. Foerster.
- 27455 **Noel Flores**, Box 514, Lapwai, Idaho. U. S. Coins. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 27456 **E. D. Geoffrey Garth**, 23 Plymouth Road, Summit, N. J. U. S. Coins. J. Everett Bennie.
- 27457 **Gregory Castillo, Jr.**, 511 Fox Dr., El Paso, Texas. Foreign Gold Crowns, Currency. Junius J. Reed.
- 27458 **William J. Taylor**, 533 S. Main St., Franklin, Ohio. U. S. Coins. Luther H. Whitt, Marshall Miller.
- 27459 **David E. Hunt, Jr.**, P. O. Box 112, Idyllwild, Calif. U. S. Coins. Karl M. Brainard, John M. Barnes.
- 27460 **Clay Campbell**, 1421 Lincoln Ave., Danville, Ill. U. S. Coins. George Stevenson.
- 27461 **J. J. Wavra**, 426 Hazlett Ave., Wheeling, W. Va. Foreign Coins. Lauren Benson.
- 27462 **J. Howard Miller**, P. O. Box 8, Newton Falls, Ohio. Uncirculated and Proof Coins. J. Blazsek, Charles R. Dovalosky.
- 27463 **Edmond J. Mistichelli**, 174 Frazer Ave., Collingswood 7, N. J. U. S. Coins. Leslie Hess.
- 27464 **Richard L. Day**, 9 W. Vine St., Mt. Vernon, Ohio. U. S. Coins. Eber Hennell.
- 27465 **John C. Crowdus**, 5214 E. Central, Wichita, Kansas. U. S. Coins. F. R. Jones.
- 27466 **Robert F. Lausch**, 230 N. Reading Rd., Ephrata, Penna. General. Karl M. Witwer, Robert M. Ramsay.
- 27467 **Jacob M. Borry**, 114 Cherry St., Ephrata, Penna. U. S. Coins. Karl M. Witwer, Robert M. Ramsay.
- 27468 **Edward S. Gerlach**, 331 Lincoln Ave., Ephrata, Penna. U. S. Coins. Karl M. Witwer, Robert M. Ramsay.
- 27469 **Lloyd S. Hoekenga**, 1976 Leahy St., Muskegon, Mich. General. P. H. Frans.
- 27470 **Henry R. Bieciuk**, Box 1235, Kilgore, Texas. U. S. Coins-Proofs. H. G. Corbin, John H. Swanson.
- 27471 **Arthur de Desrochers**, Route 3, Box 3085, Wenatchee, Wash. U. S. Coins and Proofs. L. C. Norlin.
- 27472 **Arthur G. Preston, Jr.**, 2700 Morton Ave., St. Joseph, Mich. General. Andrew J. Rupchock, I. J. Lemarr, Homer G. Martin.
- 27473 **Lee Baldwin**, Box 328, Charles City, Iowa. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 27474 **J. R. Jones**, Box 970, Ft. Worth 1, Texas. U. S. Coins and proof sets. P. W. Wygaut.
- 27475 **Mrs. F. J. Hamilton**, Route 3, Box 713, Chino, Calif. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 27476 **Ed Lyons**, 726 S. 36th St., Louisville 11, Ky. U. S. Coins. Carl A. Dellmuth.
- 27477 **Rick Fugate**, 1239 S. Sandusky, Tulsa 12, Okla. U. S. Coins. S. M. Durrett.
- 27478 **Frank H. Dernbach**, 9439 Mesa Vista Ave., La Mesa, Calif. Proof coins. Leonel C. Panosh, Ray H. Wilson.
- 27479 **Mrs. Alice B. Zuber**, 4964 Vista Place, San Diego 10, Calif. U. S. Coins. Leonel C. Panosh, Ray H. Wilson.
- 27480 **William Zell**, 38 Gould Ave., Bedford, Ohio. General. Michael Kolman, Jr.
- 27481 **Dorothy S. Hughes**, 241 Courtland St., Buffalo 15, N. Y. U. S. Gold Coins. Harold M. Sturges, Gaston Di Bello.
- 27482 **Jack L. Hill**, 4625 Parkway, South Bend 19, Ind. Proof Coins. I. J. Lemarr, Andrew J. Rupchock.
- 27483 **J. B. Klassen**, 1017 Charlton St., West St. Paul, Minn. American Gold. Wm. Mertes.
- 27484 **Raymond L. Budge**, 102 A East 3rd, St. John, Kansas. General. Frank Lickiss, Jr., Don Davis.
- 27485 **Ernest J. Oplinger**, 921 E. Loney St., Philadelphia 11, Pa. U. S. Coins. Catherine E. Bullova.
- 27486 **Mrs. Mildred H. Dunnell**, 34304 Jefferson Ave., Mt. Clemons, Mich. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 27487 **Mrs. Edward Listerman, Jr.**, 4503 St. Jean Ave., Detroit 14, Mich. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 27488 **Joe Rataj**, 6247 Columbia, St. Louis 9, Mo. Mint Errors. D. Wayne Johnson, Lloyd E. Ritchey.
- 27489 **Nelson B. Woodall**, Box 248, Scottsboro, Ala. Indian Head Cents and Large Cents. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 27490 **Alex A. Candelori, Sr.**, 116 Anderson St., Trenton 10, N. J. General. U. S. and Canadian. S. Solomon.
- 27491 **Roy Lewis Mandley**, 12102 Bennington, Cleveland 11, Ohio. U. S. Coins. Jack C. McKay.
- 27492 **Floyd F. Williams**, 413 Emmet, Ypsilanti, Mich. U. S. Coins. Earl C. Schill, Laurence Falater.
- 27493 **James E. Charlton**, 18706 E. 4th, Greenacres, Wash. U. S. Coins. Lewis M. Reagan.

- 27494 **John W. Carpenter**, 106 Gregory Place, West Palm Beach, Fla. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 27495 **Matthew A. Dylis, Jr.**, 31 Victor St., Albany 6, N.Y. U.S. and Canadian, General. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 27496 **Donald N. Donaldson**, 4719 Northside Drive, NW, Atlanta 5, Ga. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 27497 **Samuel E. Beck**, 690 Hendersonville Road, Asheville, N. C. Confederate Currency. Gustav Lichtenfels.
- 27498 **J. C. Blackwell**, Box 1052, Enid, Okla. U. S. Coins. M. M. Harrod.
- 27499 **James E. Brown**, Box 222, St. Georges, Del. U. S. Gold Coins. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 27500 **Romae J. Cormier**, 704 N. Fourth, DeKalb, Ill. General. George Senteney.
- 27501 **Richard Pansing**, 1957 Adams Rd., Cincinnati 31, Ohio. U. S. Coins. Burton H. Saxton. V. C. DeBard.
- 27502 **John A. Lamberg**, 1115 S. Clela Ave., Los Angeles 22, Calif. Uncirculated and Proofs. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 27503 **P. H. Loomer**, 318 S. 8th St., Fort Dodge, Iowa. U. S. Coins. W. O. Stearns, P. B. Nelson.
- 27504 **Kenneth H. Maach**, 43 Rainbow Drive, Humboldt, Iowa. U. S. Coins. W. O. Stearns, Don W. Jensen.
- 27505 **Harold F. Hollar**, Humboldt, Iowa. U. S. Coins. W. O. Stearns, Don W. Jensen.
- 27506 **H. E. Nelson**, Eagle Grove, Iowa. U. S. Coins. W. O. Stearns, Don W. Jensen.
- 27507 **Russell A. Miller**, 19th Paxton St., Harrisburg, Penna. Silver Dollars and Small Coins. S. A. Levin.
- 27508 **Thomas R. McDaniel**, 5255 Guessman, La Mesa, Calif. Lincoln Cents. Ray H. Wilson, Leonel C. Panosh.
- 27509 **Isadore Rakowitz**, P. O. Box 81, Mohegan Lake, N. Y. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 27510 **Henry Green**, 18701 Lomond Blvd., Shaker Heights 22, Ohio. U. S. Coins. G. Spittler.
- 27511 **Stanley R. Trychel**, 515 E. Weber St., Toledo 8, Ohio. U. S. and Canadian. C. C. Shroyer, Don O. Place.
- 27512 **Whit McColium**, Madison, N. Carolina. U. S. Coins. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 27513 **R. P. Byrd**, Box 93, Downeyville, Calif. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 27514 **Francis W. Layher**, P. O. Box 646, Soquel, Calif. General. Louis R. Karp. David W. Karp.
- 27515 **Forrest W. Daniel**, Box 442, DeKalb, Ill. U. S. and Canadian Coins. George W. Senteney.
- 27516 **John E. Peek**, 5749 SW 42nd St., Miami 34, Fla. General. G. S. Knoth.
- 27517 **George M. Combs**, 47 S. Main St., Middletown, Ohio. U. S. Coins. A. B. Strong.
- 27518 **J. Francis Dusek**, P. O. Box 746, Anchorage, Alaska. U. S. Gold. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 27519 **Elmer Grzelak**, 2912 N. 79th St., Milwaukee 10, Wis. U. S. Coins. Hubert L. Polzer, LeRoy A. Foerster.
- 27520 **Mrs. Wm. H. Johns**, 729 E. 8th St., Houston 7, Texas. Coins minted in 1928. William H. Johns Associate Member.
- 27521 **J. W. Vos**, 120 W. Union St., Rockton, Ill. U. S. Commemoratives. George Durford.
- 27522 **George E. Davis**, 2116 Penn Ave., Alamogordo, New Mexico. General. Peter B. Payne.
- 27523 **Stephan Juskewycz**, 918 W. 25th St., Erie, Pa. Leon Dryfoos.
- 27524 **Howard R. Foster**, 1400 Harmon Terrace, Arlington, Texas. U. S. Coins. R. E. Wallace, Edward A. Ball.
- 27525 **Col. Virgil Bell**, 1136 Lockwood Ave., Columbus, Ga. U. S. Coins. Louise L. Schau.
- 27526 **Donald B. Muir**, Natural Bridge, N. Y. U. S. General and Proofs. Myron A. Ireland, Wm. P. Donlon.
- 27527 **Frank A. Garrett**, 2305 Robin Crest Lane, Glenview, Ill. U. S. Coins. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 27528 **Ralph C. Leete**, 107 E. Kennedy St., Syracuse 5, N. Y. Silver Dollars. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 27529 **Frederick L. Hisaw, Jr.**, 25 Putnam Rd., Arlington, Mass. U. S. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 27530 **Columbia Coin Club**, Charles R. Rahm, Secy., 733 Locust, Columbia, Penna. G. F. Flinchbaugh.
- 27531 **Russell Thompson**, 322 Midland Drive, Asheville, N. C. Gold Coins. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 27532 **M. T. Burham**, 1405 44th, Des Moines 11, Iowa. Small Cents. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 27533 **Old Fort Coin Club**, David Rasor, Secy., 1318½ Union St., Ft. Wayne, Ind. Glen Shake, Harry C. McKown.
- 27534 **Mrs. Rose Marie Albright**, 935 Bradford St., Pomona, Calif. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 27535 **Thomas E. Crumrine**, Box 601, Bentleyville, Pa. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 27536 **Tom Foley**, Rt. 2, The Dalles, Oregon. General. Howard Garner.
- 27537 **Max Schlachter**, 213 Merriam St., Bridgeport 4, Conn. U. S. Coins. Benjamin Levin.
- 27538 **Morris C. Sager**, 1155 Progress, Lincoln Park, Mich. General. Earl C. Schill, Thos. L. Harding.
- 27539 **Down River Numismatic Association**, John S. Hosmer, Secy., 1602 21st St., Wyandotte, Mich. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 27540 **Herman C. Sanwick**, 105 4th St., S.E., Watertown, S. Dakota. U. S. Coins. James R. Hanten.
- 27541 **Edward L. Burke**, 1122 W. 20th Ave., Spokane 41, Wash. General. H. C. Cardle.
- 27542 **Gainesville Coin Club**, Maude Adams, Secy., 312 NE 1st Ave., Gainesville, Fla. Weston Pierce, Nat Grantz.
- 27543 **Wm. D. Miller**, 1210 S. Broad St., Ashland, Ohio. U. S. General and Proof sets. Leo M. Thomas, James K. Switzer, Laura G. Thomas.

- 27544 **Harry Mladushnik**, 117 Jewell St., Garfield, N. J. U. S. Coins and Currency. William T. Anton, Michael Zingale.
- 27545 **Ben Hughes**, Belt Hi-Way, St. Joseph, R 7, Mo. U. S. Coins. Joseph H. Ward.
- 27546 **Gus Leichsenring**, Box 123, Hamel, Ill. U. S. Coins, Mint Sets, Proof sets. W. G. Arnold.
- 27547 **H. Allen Schwalm**, Valley View, Penna. U. S. Coins. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 27548 **John A. Zurine**, 303 Morse Ave., Simpson, Penna. U. S. Coins. Robert A. Butler.
- 27549 **Ralph N. Blackwelder**, P. O. Box, 860, Greenville, N. C. General. John R. Newell.
- 27550 **Michigan State Numismatic Society**, Nedra E. Gonzales, Secy., 12500 Flanders, Detroit 5, Mich. C. C. Shroyer, James J. Curto, M. Vernon Sheldon, Lewis M. Reagan.
- 27551 **Milton J. Silvert**, 6 Malvern Ave., Richmond, Va. General. Nat Horowitz, Courtland F. Schofield.
- 27552 **Nathan Eisenberg**, 7387 W. Manchester, Los Angeles 45, Calif. U. S. and Foreign Coins. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 27553 **Mrs. Mary Davenport**, 2063 Fourth St., DuBois, Penna. U. S. Coins. C. S. McKendrick, John W. Noble.
- 27554 **Ed Baumgarten**, 201 S. Wall St., Buhler, Kansas. General. O. L. Farley.
- 27555 **Gerald Kenneth Stewart**, 4353 Lamadera, Elmonti, Calif. U. S. Coins. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 27556 **G. M. Deam**, 1429 Alameda Padre Serra, Santa Barbara, Calif.
- 27557 **Walter Holzworth**, 8616 Whittier Blvd., Pico, Calif. General. Dorothea Hegwer.
- 27558 **Robert Bechtel**, 1529 Ellis St., Peoria, Ill. Commemoratives. John C. Cripe.
- 27559 **Richard A. Broadbent**, 76 Sheridan Rd., Wellesley Hills, Mass. Indian and Lincoln Heads. Ralph Goldstone.
- 27560 **Lawrence Maach**, R R 2, Grand Junction, Iowa. U. S. Small Cents. Harland E. Lamb, W. O. Stearns.
- 27561 **Mrs. Mary H. Reed**, Warner Bros. Co., Bridgeport 1, Conn. U. S. Coins. A. E. Bebee.
- 27562 **W. E. Rider**, 7211 Crestmont St., Houston 21, Texas. U. S. Coins. A. J. Mitula, C. E. Stewart.
- 27563 **L. F. Talbott**, 4379 Johanna Ave., Lakewood 8, Calif. U. S. Types, Small cents, Patterns. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 27564 **Countess Stenbock-Heckley**, 425 SE 91 Ave., Portland 16, Oregon. German coins. Henry W. Heckley.
- 27565 **Mrs. Marie R. Schwertfeger**, 465 Winthrop Rd., West Englewood, N. J. General. Russell E. Porter.
- 27566 **Frederick P. Kiehne, Jr.**, 3063 Chesterfield Ct., Apt. 9, Columbus 9, Ohio. General. Fred E. Kern, Sr., Roy Smith.
- 27567 **Luther P. Lewis**, 1416 12th Drive, Yuma, Ariz. Proof and Mint Sets. Peter DuBois.
- 27568 **Robert Beaumont**, 253 Celanese, Drummondville, P. Q., Canada. Canadian, U. S., Mexican and French Coins. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 27569 **Robert L. Shelton**, 1846 N. 27th Place, Phoenix, Arizona. Cents, Dollars. Allan D. Watson, James W. Lee.
- 27570 **Donald H. Barkhuff**, 2070 47th Ave., San Francisco, Calif. General. John F. Skubis.
- 27571 **P. L. Vangeli**, 15 Glenn St., Cortland, N. Y. Commemorative ½ Dollars and Large Cents. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 27572 **Peter R. Schoech**, 157 Percival Ave., Kensington, Conn. General. Wilfred H. Clarke.
- 27573 **B. E. New**, Box 143, Douglasville, Ga. General. J. D. Oliver.
- 27574 **Robert H. Mucha**, 4500 31st St. S, Apt. 203, Arlington 6, Va. U. S. Coins. F. C. Schneider.
- 27575 **Yuma Coin Club**, Annette W. Sutton, Secy., P. O. Box 171, Yuma, Arizona. Peter DuBois.
- 27576 **Arthur D. Cohen**, 47 Culver Rd., Rochester 20, N. Y. Half Dollars and U. S. Fractional Currency. Edward F. Meinhardt.
- 27577 **Ellis Randals**, Hico, Texas. Commemorative coins and Gold. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 27578 **Doris Gentzler**, 119 Pine St., Harrisburg, Penna. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 27579 **Chester J. Zubrzycki**, 5915 S. Winchester, Chicago 36, Ill. U. S. Coins. Benjamin C. Dreiske.
- 27580 **Kenneth James Ferguson**, 7504 Rutledge Ave., Cleveland 2, Ohio. Foreign Crowns. Michael Kolman, Jr., Edna Kolman.
- 27581 **Leonard Bograd**, 40 Round Hill Rd., Trumbull, Conn. U. S. General. Benjamin Levin.
- 27582 **Dr. Leonard C. Pector**, 1849 Tamerlane, Glendale 8, Calif. General. V. D. Dieterle.
- 27583 **Philip P. Tomlin**, 684 Lee St., Smyrna, Ga. U. S. Coins. J. D. Oliver.
- 27584 **Kenneth Means**, 6767 SW Dover St., Portland 19, Oregon. Proof and Mint Sets, Indian Cents. Henry W. Heckley.
- 27585 **J. H. Bovee**, 3952 E. Blacklidge Drive, Tucson, Arizona. U. S. Coins. Jerome L. Cohen.
- 27586 **Benjamin Tighe**, 1755 Main St., Athol 1, Mass. U. S. Large Cents. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 27587 **Earl E. Doughty, Jr.**, P. O. Box 2812, Dallas 21, Texas. U. S. Coins. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 27588 **R. L. Trott**, P. O. Box 1191, Tulsa 2, Okla. U. S. Coins. K. C. Bates.
- 27589 **James Alexander**, 220 SE 13th St., Grand Prairie, Texas. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 27590 **Fred C. Pneuman**, 511 Leavenworth St., Manhattan, Kansas. U. S. General and Foreign. Donald B. Hoge.
- 27591 **Nathan Dash**, 2731 SW 28th Court, Miami 33, Fla. U. S. Proofs and Unc. U. S. Coins, Freaks. Lewis M. Reagan.
- 27592 **G. Edison Hand**, 69 Broadway, Los Gatos, Calif. Proof Sets, U. S. Coins.

- 27593 Earl A. Parker, Edward Fogler.
 William Fiscus, 14539 Harbor Island, Detroit, Mich. U. S. Coins. Earl C. Schill.
 27594 Robert D. Newman, 111 S. 33 St., Omaha 3, Nebr. U. S. Coins. O. M. Campbell.
 27595 Ken Layne, P. O. Box 77, Kansas City 41, Mo. Gold Coins and Commemoratives. Lewis M. Reagan.
 27596 Arlene S. Whalen, 3690 6th Ave., San Diego 3, Calif. U. S. Coins. Virgil S. Kipp.
 27597 Earl A. Breault, 4213 Oak Drive Lane, Hopkins, Minn. U. S. Coins. Arnold A. Thorson.
 27598 Ray DuRie, 205 W. Salem Heights, Salem, Oregon. Proof U. S. Coins. Leo H. Johnson.
 27599 Mrs. Carolyn Olson, 6106 Southside Drive, Los Angeles 22, Calif. U. S. and Uncirculated Coins. Lewis M. Reagan, Hy Spitz.
 27600 John Nardini, 121 Church St., Ashland, Ohio. U. S. Coins, Unc. and Proofs. L. M. Thomas, James K. Switzer.
 27601 Sal J. DeGrazia, 602 Prospect Ave., Brooklyn 15, N. Y. Ancient Roman and Greek Coins. Harvey J. Harper, Wilbur A. Selfridge.
 27602 Gerald R. Tomasic, 1364 E. 171 St., Cleveland 10, Ohio. U. S. Coins. Lewis M. Reagan.
 27603 Arthur Dick Howard, 3207 Hawthorne Ave., Richmond 22, Va. Confederate and Southern Currency. William C. Hatcher.
 27604 James L. Gerhardt, 524 2nd Ave., Apt. G, Sacramento, Calif. General. Lewis M. Reagan.
 27605 M. W. Renollet, 2137 S. Seneca, Wichita 13, Kansas. Gold and Commemoratives. Zeb W. Collins.
 27606 Carl J. Megel, 2301 Rosemont, Chicago 45, Ill. General. Lewis M. Reagan.

RESIGNED

- 22840 Edward G. Andrews, Boonville, N. Y.
 10016 Adolf Binder, Torrington, Conn.
 11823 C. D. DeLay, Dallas 8, Texas
 20701 E. J. Domicone, Tucson, Arizona
 11803 Stephen M. Dryfoos, New York 17, N. Y.
 18161 Merton W. Field, St. Petersburg 4, Fla.
 20879 Dr. Myron B. Franks, Jamestown, N. Y.
 19376 Harold S. Gruver, Hanover, Penn.
 5317 Arthur L. Hegarty, Philmont, N. Y.
 8965 Frank J. Hiney, Milton, Mass.
 22373 John Irwin, Colorado Springs, Colo.
 25178 Dan M. Jacobson, Sacramento 18, Calif.
 15426 Lester I. Jones, Des Moines, Iowa.
 3228 R. C. Lees, Brookhaven, Miss.
 19283 John J. Lohner, Exira, Iowa
 6707 Dean Mathey, Princeton, N. J.
 8706 Morgan R. Mills, Jr., Richmond 22, Va.
 14068 Mrs. Dorothy H. Morgan, Phoenix, Arizona
 18641 Norman Movshow, Ventnor City, N. J.
 3714 H. C. Nycum, Kalamazoo, Mich.
 15515 Harold P. O'Connell, Sr., Chicago 11, Ill.
 24213 Phyllis S. Olsen, Worcester 2, Mass.
 23187 Mrs. Ruth E. Oxley, Marion, Iowa.
 22112 John M. Senft, York, Pa.
 23301 Robert Shea, Chicago 20, Ill.
 16301 Noe J. Simard, Salem, Mass.
 23649 Fred R. Smelser, Omaha 11, Nebr.
 19607 T/Sgt. Grant Snyder, Washington 25, D. C.
 20491 J. H. Stevens, Elizabeth City, N. C.
 14827 Louis L. Strott, Columbus 15, Ohio
 17554 W. V. Walker, Wilmette, Ill.
 12801 Archie F. Winslow, Elkton, Minn.

DECEASED

- 10807 Joseph Annino, West Islip, N. Y.
 16317 George K. Bitter, Washington 16, D. C.
 15189 David W. Crossett, Warren, Pa.
 1770 J. Edgar Cunningham, Spruce Creek, Pa.
 5469 Harry L. Hanson, Santa Ana, Calif.
 11169 John Mack Harley, Atlanta, Ga.
 9488 Leo Kohl, Houston, Texas
 3852 B. J. Lazar, Cincinnati 29, Ohio
 15309 Alexander McIver, Silver Spring, Md.
 6489 Joseph J. Miller, Glenview, Ill.
 2225 C. H. Martin, Lancaster, Pa.
 19119 Louise Morrow, Monroe 5, Md.
 9437 Joseph Frochazka, Baltimore 5, Md.
 4824 Charles Everett Simms, Little Falls, N. J.
 15587 Ernest F. Smith, St. Petersburg, Fla.
 10344 David R. Wilkinson, Indianapolis, Ind.

ADMITTED TO LIFE MEMBERSHIP

- LM301 M. L. Kaplan, 550 Fifth Ave., New York 36, N. Y.
 LM302 John E. Ohls, 1519 39th Ave., San Francisco 22, Calif.
 LM303 Leon S. Rosenblum, 36-24 Ferry Heights, Fair Lawn, N. J.
 LM304 Laurence A. Falater, 14842 Alma, Detroit 5, Mich.

Reports of Club Meetings

SECRETARIES PLEASE NOTE: Reports should be made promptly. Copy must be received by the 7th of the month to insure insertion in the following month's issue. Sometimes a carbon copy of the minutes is sent in, and almost invariably a number of items of local concern only must be cancelled. The justification for publishing these accounts lies in the numismatic information – and encouragement – to be derived by collectors generally, regardless of location. On this basis we feel it advisable to revise and condense, and, incidentally, the by-product of this course is conservation of valuable space. All copy should be typewritten, double-spaced, and written on one side of the paper only. Please condense your reports and write them so they conform to the style of those printed below. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

AKRON COIN CLUB – 227th meeting, Portage Hotel, Nov. 19, Pres. J. G. Chriepok presided, 74 present, auction.

The following were elected for 1957: president, D. A. Bashline; vice president, Dr. J. H. Litman; Secretary-Treasurer, C. W. Devore.

Dr. Litman gave reports on conventions at Richmond, Va., and Detroit, Mich.

– C. W. DEVORE
Secretary

BALTIMORE COIN CLUB – 520th meeting Nov. 1. Gordon Roberts talked on national bank notes and exhibited a complete type set \$1-\$20 inclusive for all three charter periods.

– ELDEN E. LIGHT
Secretary

BALTIMORE COIN CLUB – 521st meeting Nov. 15. Mr. Antonie presented a paper concerning many of the individuals, places and events commemorated on half dollars.

Exhibits:
Mr. Antonie: Uncirculated small cents complete (except for 1856) and complete set comm. half dollars.

Gordon Roberts: Legal tender notes, types.

Fred Werner: Ancient gold and a selective service medal.

Mr. Phillips: Ancient bronze and silver coins.

Mr. Phillips remarked what a poor investment many ancient coins would have been as some of them are worth no more now than when coined, when the respective wage scales are considered.

– ELDEN E. LIGHT
Secretary

BELLINGHAM COIN CLUB – 23rd meeting, Pres. Gordon Medcalf presided, auction.

George Downard announced that you can receive six presidential medals by sending in 25c and the end of Zee wax paper. Joe Bannon gave a very interesting lecture on the emergency money of Blaine Washington.

Exhibits:
Palmer Lee: 40 different foreign gold coins.

George Downard: Set of presidential medals.

John Petry: Type sets of coins from Australia, New Zealand, Newfoundland, and Great Britain.

Gordon Medcalf: Six each of the following gold coins in six different grades, \$20, \$10, \$5, \$2½, and \$1.

Tom Young: Sets of Canadian and U. S. cents, 5c, and dimes.

Gary Medcalf: Set of Canadian cents and 5c.

– ARLENE MEDCALF
Secretary

BERGEN COUNTY COIN CLUB – 29th meeting, Pres. Wm. T. Anton, River Edge Firehouse No. 2, Oct. 17, 38 present, auction.

The following officers for 1957 will be installed at the December meeting: Anton Mayer, president, Michael Zingale, vice president, Arthur Block, treasurer, George E. Meyer, corresponding secretary, Helen Zingale, recording secretary, Gerald VanDyke, sergeant-at-arms.

Exhibits:

J. M. Owens: U. S. shield type 5c.

Merril S. Kaplan: 1936 proof 5c.

A. B. Block: Rhode Island token 1778 in clear lucite paperweight.

E. J. Black: Various English and French coins, collection of German Thalers, U. S. half dimes and Barber dimes, engraved reverses on dimes.

W. T. Anton: 500 gold certificate series of 1882, \$10 Compound Interest treasury note series of 1864, 1920 Wilson dollar silver and bronze, \$5 national currency series of 1902 Red Bank, N. J., 1955 Unc. half dollar.

A. Mashare: 1871 IH unc., 1908S unc.

C. H. McCollough: 1829 one-half dime unc.

H. Zingale: 20 drachmas of Greece 1910, two German Zeppelin medals in gold.

M. Krzastek: 1916 SL quarter VF.

W. Fusser: Cents 1909-1956.

G. E. Meyer: 1908 Philippine proof set.

A. R. Feldman: Canadian medal depicting 2c stamp with map of world.

L. A. Stafford: Half dime and dime type set, Roosevelt dime set unc., various German and English coins.

C. Ragot: Teddy Roosevelt plaque at Hampton Roads 1907, encased medal from wooden slab from railroad tie of Panama R. R. 1849, 20 medals from minor expositions, 1881 to 1902, 17 medallions from World War I issued in France, 21 reprints and facsimiles of colonial and Continental currency.

– GEORGE E. MEYER
Corresponding Secretary

BOSTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY – 869th meeting Nov. 6th, Pres. Earl Tuttle presiding.

Capt. O. H. Dodson was the guest speaker, his topic concerning Greece whence he recently came after having been stationed there in connection with N.A.T.O.

Exhibits:

Mel Caine: Four varieties of silver ingots made in 1691, weighing 6-8 oz. and

recently dug up in Arizona; Guernsey proof set; silver Annam bar of 1860.

Mr. Friedberg: First National Bank of Boston set in plastic.

Earl Bellis: Two large size bills; two Columbian Exposition medals.

Lee Gove: Set of U. S. commemorative gold.

Earl Tuttle: Crowns from Hejaz, Annam, Zanzibar, and the "black shame" thaler.

Ed Perkins: Hawaii commemorative, type set of dimes, 1794 half dime, 1850 set, 1815 letter edge half and the 1844 "Orphan Annie" dime.

P. Maher: 1955 proof set, Lincoln head set.

K. Rendell: Sommer Island electro, Lincoln Hamlin ferrotype and other political tokens, 1805 half and 1809 dime.

— IRWIN S. GREEN
Secretary

BROOKLYN COIN CLUB — 281st meeting, Hotel Granada, Nov. 7th, Pres. Thos. Wass III presided, 52 present. Committee appointed for our 25th Anniversary which we will celebrate next year.

The following new officers were nominated: Thos. Wass III, president; Austin DiPalma, Frank Vaccaro, Charles Hollander, vice presidents; Albert Jabour, Philip Rosenbaum, corresponding secretaries; Philip Ribner, recording secretary; Theodore Schnur, Wm. Wild, treasurers.

Exhibits:

William T. Anton: \$10.00 and \$20.00 demand notes, 1861; \$1.00 legal tender, 1862; \$10.00 legal tender, 1923; \$50.00 and \$100.00 legal tender, 1863; \$10.00 legal tender, 1901; \$5.00 federal reserve note, 1914.

Joe Berman: 1864, 1866, 1867 cent unc. H. S. Bernstein: 1841, 1843, 1845, 1846, 1847 half dollars unc.

Austin DiPalma: Unsigned sheet of Cinn. fractional bills, 1931 proof, 100 gold schilling of Austria.

Joseph Elmo: 1914D Lincoln cent unc. Aaron R. Feldman: Four medals Louisiana Purchase Exp., coin of admission.

Michael Granis: Three frames of biblical coins which took first prize at MANA convention.

Harvey J. Hoffer: Three choice denarii, Pompey the Great, Julius Caesar, Mark Anthony and Augustus.

Charles Hollander: Painting of an 1880 \$10.00 note by N. A. Brooks, chief engraver at the mint in 1885.

Rev. Frank Hutchins: Set of 90 U. S. half dimes; 1936 quarter ana of India with dot under the date.

Albert Jabbour: 1878 and 1909 proof dimes, 1901 proof quarter and 1903 proof half dollar.

M. L. Kaplan: 1804 large cent obverse and reverse die breaks.

Sidney H. Kitzler: Guernsey proof set, 1956.

Morris Klaif: 1670 farthing of Bath, England.

Mrs. Lillian Marmor: U. S. currency.

David Matas: \$5.00 gold 1838D, 1843, 1912 and \$1.00 Cal. gold token 1849.

Anton Mayer: Large \$10.00 paper, 10 silver dollars 1908, large Canadian paper dollar 1898, six old theater tickets from 1860.

Max Mizel: Complete set Liberty seated quarters 1858 through 1891 plus 1892 all in proof.

Vincent Nicoletti: Guernsey proof set 1956.

Philip Ribner: 1818 half eagle, large turban head (rare).

Philip Rosenbaum: Silver quarter struck on nickel planchet, 1936 proof

set, complete set of mercury dimes with six extra 42/1 dimes.

Theodore L. Schnur: 1862 \$2.00 note, broken bank notes, fractional currency, United States war loan bond of Broome County, New York.

Oscar L. Susskind: Presidential campaign medals of Van Buren, Clay, William Harrison, Pierce, Maj. Gen. Scott, Lincoln (both campaigns), McClellan, Grant, Hayes, Garfield, Blaine, Cleveland and others plus some campaign post cards.

Emil Voigt: 1956 Guernsey proof set.

Moe Weinschel: Group of scarce dollars.

B. Wishy: Guernsey proof set 1956.

— ARTHUR LEEDS
Secretary

CAMDEN COUNTY COIN CLUB — November meeting, 36 present. New officers were installed for fiscal 1956-57, Pres. L. Hess, Secretary, J. E. Eiselein. Proceedings consisted of routine business, door prizes, and auction. Speaker S. Solomon on "RECS" (restrikes, electrotypes, copies), how to identify and place in a collection.

— J. E. EISELEIN
Secretary

CHICAGO COIN CLUB — 454th meeting, Nov. 14; 54 present; Vice President Theodore Pokorney presided due to the illness of Pres. Bradfield. Glenn Smedley reported on his visit to the Philamatic Center in Boystown, Nebraska, and described its outstanding collection of bank notes. The door prize of a pair of coin earrings donated by Ben Odesser was won by a visitor, Mrs. Valerie Miller.

Joseph Merkel, chairman of the annual auction and exhibit, reported the affair was a financial success and thanked the members for their cooperation.

A nominating committee to select next year's slate of officers was elected composed of the following: Lee Hewitt, William Sheridan, Harold Klein, Matthew Jackson and Dr. Carl Westmark.

Exhibits:

Harry X. Boosel: Pattern 5c in aluminum 1873, proof 5c 1873 and uncirculated cigar to announce latest acquisition, a baby boy.

I. T. Kopicki: Items from his wall-paper collection which included national bank notes of the first, second and third charter periods, all on Chicago banks.

George Habermehl: Double eagles 1913, P. D. and S mints; double eagles 1922 P and S mints and Hungarian independence note of 1852.

Lee Hewitt: Obsolete state bank notes in full sheets to illustrate methods of printing. Mr. Hewitt explained that a full sheet sometimes consisted of two, three, four or even one note. Examples of each were displayed.

Earl Brown: Medals of 25th and 50th anniversary of Gary, Ind., and a Becker copy of a decadrachm of Carthage.

— MICHAEL M. DOLNICK
Secretary

CINCINNATI NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION — November 9th meeting, Metropolitan hotel, Pres. Walter Broker presided, 18 present. A.N.A. Slides, Set No. 17, on "Coins of the Pagan Roman Empire" preceded an auction of many choice lots. Late U. S. proof sets from 1951 through 1956 brought \$31.00-21.00-11.50-7.75-6.50-4.50 respectively. A good plus 1914-D cent realized 11.00 and a 1942/41 in F-V.F. brought a tidy \$16.50.

Exhibits:

R. Rogers: U. S. flying eagle cent without a date.

S. Kaplan: Catalog A.N.A. sale.
 L. Tosky: 1927 paper dollar.
 M. Fessenden: 16 early U. S. half dollars in V.F. to Unc. from 1807 through 1833 including an E.F. 1815.
 J. Marks: U. S. pattern nickel in aluminum - A.W. No. 630.
 E. McBrayer: Two different types Spanish 4 real pieces from 18th century.
 W. Lyon: Scrip.
 G. Parvin: 1956 Guernsey proof set.
 T. Rogers: Two photos of \$20 Saint-Gaudens gold piece dated 1906.
 W. Broker: Toned U. S. silver dollars.
 - MARVIN S. FESSENDEN
 Secretary

CLEVELAND COIN CLUB - 202nd meeting, Nov. 7, Carter Hotel, 49 present, Pres. Matt Gazso presiding, auction.

New officers elected were: president, Marjorie Gold, vice president, Myron Sobotta, secretary, Thelma Hiltbrunner, treasurer, Howard Humitsch.

Exhibits:

Douglas Boutall, Jr.: 10 Chinese presidential dollars, 1912 Li Yuan Hung with cap, 1912 Li Yuan Hung without cap, 1912 Yuan Shih Kai, 1923 Tsoo Kun civilian dress, 1923 Tsoo Kun military dress, 1921 Hsu shih, 1921 Yuan Shi Kai, 1924 Juan Chi Ju, 1927 Sun Yat Sen, 1932 Sun Yat Sen.

Joseph Lukas: Presidential buttons and ribbons.

Arthur Wallace: Presidential medals.
 Dr. Y. A. Sargis: Currency with past presidents portraits and turkeys.

James Kirkwood: M.A.N.A. registration ribbon and first place plaque he won for his exhibit of currency of Trinidad, Danish West Indies, South Africa, Newfoundland.

Charles Ricard: Buttons and ribbons of previous presidential campaigns.

- MARJORIE GOLD
 Secretary

COIN CLUB OF RHODE ISLAND - Meeting Sheraton-Biltmore Hotel, Providence, R. I., Oct. 26th, 33 present, auction. Samuel Kilbanoff: was elected treasurer to serve the balance of the term of the late Carl Richardson.

Cliff Howe said a new exhibit case has been donated to the New England Numismatic Association in memory of the late Carl Richardson to be known as the Richardson Case and will bear a metal plate with his name on it. This case was given by Andrew S. Scott.

Exhibits:

Mr. Howe: First prize for Class A Clubs of the A.N.A., won by the Worcester Coin Club.

Dr. Constable: Fractional paper bills, wooden nickels, colonial coins.

Mrs. Lincoln: Jewelry, Washington and Lincoln medals.

Mr. Kittredge: Copies of imperial Roman coins.

Mr. Wrathall: Poetry medal of Japan, modern bronze imitation of a Roman imperial bronze medal.

- DONALD S. WRATHALL
 Secretary

DUPAGE COIN CLUB - Meeting Oct. 23, American Legion Hall, Downers Grove, Ill., 30 present, auction. After committee approval, a membership application form similar to that of the Chicago Coin Club, was accepted for our club. Earl Salisbury and Warren Kimball invited all to visit Oak Park Coin Club on its birthday. Harold Klein auctioned off 56 lots of miscellaneous material.

- ROSS THOLIN
 Acting Secretary

DAYTON COIN CLUB - 196th meeting Nov. 1, Miami Hotel, Dayton, Ohio; 22 present, H. C. Banner presided, slides "U. S. Paper Money 1861-1923 illustrated by \$5 notes" were shown.

Exhibits:

Marshall Miller: Tetradrachms, 1786 thaler patron of Mozart.

Richard Weprin: 1873 Washington and Independence medal; Wm. III Revolution Jubilee Washington token.

Melvyn Scott: 1780 Maria Theresa English 5 pound gold unc.; 1853 \$20 gold U. S. assay office San F.; 1795 half dollar.

Larry Ran: Partial type sets cents through half dollars.

H. C. Banner: \$1, \$2, \$5 educational series unc.; \$5, 1863 U. S. demand note; \$5, 1886 unc. silver certificate; \$10, 1880 unc. legal tender Onepepa.

- IAN HARDCASTLE
 Secretary

EAST LIVERPOOL COIN CLUB - 15th anniversary meeting Nov. 13th, YMCA, Fred Snowden, president, presiding. Election of officers was held with Mr. Snowden as president and Mrs. Cora Nickels, secretary-treasurer, being re-elected. Lunch was served and auction held; 38 present. Seven past presidents were present and each gave a brief talk relative to the club. Mrs. Nickels read the minutes of the first meeting of the club held on November 3rd, 1942. The small attendance does not indicate our people are not interested in numismatics. We are located in the industrial area of the upper Ohio valley and many of our members are employed on jobs which demand night work. The wives were invited as special guests to this meeting and everyone had a wonderful time. We feel that coin collecting is here to stay and we want everyone to stay with us, especially our wives.

- OLIVER A. MILES
 Publicity Chairman

EAST LOS ANGELES COIN CLUB - 4th meeting Nov. 19th, 32 adults and three juniors present. Both the secretary and the auctioneer from Monterey Park Coin Club gave interesting talks. Roy Alexander of East Los Angeles gave the highlights of his visit to the Boston club. Wynn Osborn described his coin collection including a set of half eagles and his Biblical coins. At the Santa Barbara coin convention he obtained one of the "30 pieces of silver." One of the members of our club has an \$80,000.00 stamp collection.

- MRS. CAROLYN OLSON
 Secretary

GAINESVILLE COIN CLUB - Meeting Nov. 15th, 14 present, auction. Application for membership in the ANA was mailed.

We plan to hold an exhibition in one of the local banks early next year and plans are being made for this.

- MAUDE ADAMS
 Secretary

GASTON COIN CLUB - 7th meeting, Nov. 24, High School Study Hall, Dallas, N. C. Pres. C. P. Register presided; auction; 30 present.

Mitchell Carr, high school principal, was elected to the board of directors, filling Kenneth Register's place, who was drafted in the armed services. William Jones was elected second vice president. A motion was made and carried to give all members in the armed services free membership.

- J. CURTIS WRIGHT
 Secretary and Treasurer

GREATER HOUSTON COIN CLUB - Oct. 19th meeting, 42 present, auction. Total club membership stands at 70. A. J. Mitula displayed and discussed fractional currency.

- CHRIS JOHNS
Secretary-Treasurer

GREENSBORO COIN CLUB - J. W. B. Bason presided at the 30th meeting Nov. 10th, Mayfair Cafeteria; 35 present; auction.

Report MANA convention held in Richmond, Va.; 12 members attended from Greensboro club.

Jonny Lynn Fischer and Dizzie entertained with a pleasing ventriloquist act.

- VIOLA A. BRAXTON
Secretary-Treasurer

HUNTINGTON COIN CLUB - The club held its banquet at the Governor Cabell Hotel; approximately 50 attended, a new banquet attendance record. After the banquet, club members and visitors selected the best display. Prize was won by Earl Lyttle, Portsmouth, Ohio with his amazing collection of half dollars from 1795 to date. Lester Bernstein acted as auctioneer for the auction that was held. Besides the Huntington Coin Club, representatives of the Kanawha Valley & Ohio Valley Clubs were present.

The monthly meeting was held at the clubroom on Nov. 13th, 20 present. New officers elected for 1957: Pres. Edward B. Kime, Vice President Kenneth Holtgrewe, Secretary Simpson Tomkies, Treasurer Billy Joe Holtzworth.

Joseph Mendelson's idea of newspaper advertising for people to bring their coins into clubroom for free appraisals is working. Lady came in with two coins, a half cent 1809 and a large cent 1840 which were appraised by John J. McConlway. Also brought in for appraisal were several ancients.

Kenn Holtgrewe announced that John C. Robinson, well known for his interest in minor foreign and Mexican, was leaving the city. John Robinson, club treasurer for 1956, will be missed by his many numismatic friends in the Huntington area.

- SIMPSON TOMKIES
Secretary

LOGANSPOUT COIN CLUB - 21st meeting was November 14th, YMCA, Logansport, Ind., Pres. Wayne Jackson, presiding.

Slides on commemorative coins and medals were shown by Vice President Marion Watson. Plans were formulated for the annual exhibit to be held at the Memorial Home, Jan. 20th. Following the meeting bourse tables were set up.

- SAMUEL M. UPTON
A.N.A. Club Representative

LONG BEACH COIN CLUB - U. S. paper money was the subject of a talk at the Oct. meeting by Charles M. Johnson, past president. He traced the development from colonial times down to the present. Speaker divided such development into five periods: Colonial and Continental currency; state and broken bank notes; Confederate, postal and fractional currency; large size notes; small size notes. Many select specimens of paper money used during the five periods were exhibited and discussed.

At the Nov. meeting C. L. Grimm, formerly of Chicago, gave his talk on early American coins and tokens. Mr. Grimm displayed a number of choice pieces and discussed their minting and

usage in colonial times. He also told the story of the origin of many of the pieces and the men responsible for them.

- E. L. SIMS
Secretary

LONG ISLAND COIN CLUB - 45th meeting, Oct. 26, McKee Street Firehouse, Floral Park Centre, 25 present, Vice President Emil Voigt presiding, auction.

Exhibits:

V. W. Alones: Medal of Gen. Harrison.
R. R. Baumann: U. S. proof sets 1955-56.

Robert Cohn: U. S. proof sets 1955-56.
Warren C. Edwards: Crowns of Mexico.
M. Granis: 1 and 2½ tical bullet money of Siam; counterfeit foreign coins, ancient and modern.

Joseph Lunz: Spanish pillar dollar 1815; U. S. one-half dollar, 1811, with punctuated date; 1814 over 1813.

Reynold Rees: Partial collection of U. S. type U. S. comm. one-half dollars.

H. P. Stone: U. S. one-half dollars 1837 to 1947-D.

William C. Thompson: Coins from the volcanic eruption of Mt. Pelee in Martinique 1901.

Dr. T. A. Vince: One forint and \$1.00 paper money issued in 1852 by the Hungarian government in exile.

Oscar Susskind: 29 presidential campaign tokens, pins, fobs, with post cards from the campaigns of Van Buren, Harrison, Pierce, Lincoln, McClellan, Grant, Hayes, Taft, Hoover, Roosevelt, and others.

- V. W. ALONES
Secretary

LONG ISLAND COIN CLUB - 46th meeting, Firehouse, Floral Park Centre, L. I., 27 present, Vice President Emil Voigt presiding. The evening was devoted to other hobbies in addition to coins. Vincent W. Alones exhibited bayonets; Oscar Susskind, very early fringed greeting cards plus an album of cards containing embossed coins and stamps of many countries; M. Granis, silver spoons acquired from places he visited; J. Murphy and J. Lutz, stamps; W. Thompson, watch fobs of coins.

Exhibits:

E. Voigt: Coins of Queen Elizabeth.
Dr. T. A. Vince: Gold coins of Liechtenstein.

M. McDougall: 20 silver dollars of world.

Marie Moore: Buffalo nickels from circulation.

Warren Edwards: 45 silver dollars of the world in album.

R. Picker: 1821 and 1853 over 2 quarter; 1787 NY Excelsior cent, facing left and right.

E. Taylor: Large cents and gold pieces, a beautiful comparison in color and design.

Hugh Stone: Framed portrait in bronze by V. D. Brenner, cast by Gorman, Saint-Gaudens.

W. Thompson: U. S. proof coins.

Robert J. Schoeck: Tetradrachms of Syria, Thrace and Macedon.

M. Granis: His exhibit that won first prize in the MANA convention in the ancient series, consisting of three frames of Biblical coins, widow's mite, 30 pieces of silver and tribute pennies.

- V. W. ALONES
Secretary

LOS ANGELES COIN CLUB - 344th meeting, Nov. 2, Forrester's Hall, Los Angeles, Calif., Pres. Earl Whitehead presiding, auction, 143 present.

A life membership was conferred on George Bennett, in recognition of long and outstanding service to club.

As a result of the theft of one of the member's collection, a motion was presented and approved by the membership, that the Los Angeles Coin Club would offer a \$25.00 reward for information leading to the apprehension of any person committing robbery or burglary of coins in the amount of \$100.00 or more, anywhere in the United States. The motion provided that the secretary should inform the A.N.A. of its action and suggest that all associated clubs offer a similar reward, thereby creating a worthwhile reward to discourage such acts against the coin collectors of America.

Exhibits:

Willis Fanning: U. S. proof coins.

Harry Davidson: Foreign gold coins.

W. D. Koonce: Ancient coins.

Lathrop Brown: Commemorative half dollars:

James Leoni: Oriental rarities.

Clyde L. Grimm: Colonial notes:

W. D. Koonce was awarded first prize for his exhibit, Willis Fanning, second, Harry Davidson, third.

— MRS. O. S. GARRETSON
Secretary

MARYLAND NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

— 59th meeting, fourth Thursday of July. Mrs. Plummer discussed a reference book on the thaler. An auction concluded the evening.

60th meeting Aug. 23rd, auction. Edward W. Cockey exhibited and discussed some Siamese bullet money, 1824-1880. There was a general discussion by the entire group on numismatics led by moderator, John Henry.

61st meeting Sept. 27th. A report on the CHI-ANA convention was given by Donald Foote. On exhibit were a Calvert sixpence and some thaler boxes; the latter were the property of Mr. Foote who told the group about these interesting numismatic oddities. Auction.

— HARRY C. JONES
Secretary

MEMPHIS COIN CLUB — 134th meeting

Union Planters National Bank, 18 present. After the reading of the minutes Robert Higgins spoke to the members on the highlights of the convention. S. C. Humes had on exhibit a beautiful 1895-O Barber dime in very fine. After much talking trading and serving of cokes we adjourned.

— J. E. HIGGINS
Secretary-Treasurer

MIAMI COIN CLUB — 97th meeting,

being our 8th anniversary, was celebrated with a dinner meeting at the Columbus Hotel, Miami, Fla., Nov. 15th, Pres. Pollard presided, 39 present.

Exhibits:

Henry Chisman: Saint-Gaudens double eagle, Roman numerals, high relief, lettered edge; 1937-D 3-legged buffalo 5c piece, 1900-O dollar.

A. E. Kelpsh: Original ruble 1825 of Constantin I of Russia, the Emperor who did not rule.

Wm. Fox Steinberg: Late series 2 and 4 reales of Carlos and Joanna, Mexico City.

Otto Sghia: Miniature table and chairs and a spoon made from foreign coins.

J. F. Pollard: Seven one-half eagles from each of the seven U. S. mints.

V. C. Snow: Two specimens exemplifying extremes in coin sizes, viz: four talers of August the Younger of Brunswick New Woifenbuettel, diameter 90

millimeters, 2½ centesimos of Panama, diameter 10 millimeters.

Denis F. Daley, public relation representative of the Miami post office dealt at length with the mailing of valuable packages.

The dinner committee presented the president and secretary with tokens of appreciation for services rendered.

— VERA C. SNOW
Secretary

MILWAUKEE NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

— 265th meeting Nov. 21st, Ambassador Hotel.

The following were nominated for offices in 1957:

President: Harry Collura

Leonard Hinkley

Vice President: Lillard Culver

Jack Phelps

Secretary: Gertrude Ambelang

Treasurer: Truman Marsh

Leonard McQuinn

Sgt. at Arms: Ery Mazur, Wm. Klawien

Librarian: Hubert Polzer

Balloting will be in December.

Exhibits:

A. P. Bertschy: Type set of half dollars, type set of silver dollars, set of \$2½ Indian Head gold, Lafayette dollar and Isabella quarter.

Leonard McQuinn: Silver coins of Frederick II, Gustavus Adolphus, talers of the 18th and 19th century.

A very interesting and educational coin quiz in which the audience participated concluded the evening's activities.

— W. KLUG
Secretary

MISSOURI NUMISMATIC SOCIETY —

189th meeting, Hotel Roosevelt, Oct. 8th, Pres. D. Wayne Johnson presided, 45 present. This meeting was designated as Confederate States of America and Southern States display night.

A short eulogy on the late Wayte Raymond given by Eric P. Newman was followed by a rising minute of silence in memory of this great numismatist. Coins, currency, medals, flags, etc., relating to the Confederate States and Southern States were displayed. Joseph Rataj spoke on valuations of Confederate Currency. Eric P. Newman followed with comments on Confederate States counterfeits illustrated by elaborate displays of genuine and counterfeit currency.

Slides on Confederate currency, secured from the A.N.A. Visual Educational Committee were shown with remarks on same read by Joseph Rataj. Reprints of all denominations of the Confederate currency were given to all present. Two editions of Douglas & Hughes and three editions of Bradbeer's Book on Confederate currency were auctioned for benefit of the Society.

Exhibits:

Eric Newman: Confederate currency, genuine and counterfeit.

W. G. Arnold: Confederate, Southern States currency, Civil War tokens and store cards and Confederate half dollar.

C. Lounsberry: Confederate currency and Southern States items.

Eric P. Newman was awarded an edition of Bradbeer's Book as First prize for his exhibit.

— W. G. ARNOLD
Secretary-Treasurer

MISSOURI NUMISMATIC SOCIETY —

190th meeting Hotel Roosevelt, St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 12, auction, Pres. D. Wayne Johnson; 32 present.

Committees appointed reported that great progress has been made in the

shaping of plans concerning the coming C.S.N.S. convention which will be held at the Hotel Statler in April.

This meeting night was termed "Illinois Night." An elaborate display of Illinois provisional sales tax tokens, the same that received honorable mention at the ANA convention in Chicago in August, was made by Pres. Johnson who also gave facts and history on same. Everyone was given free copies of his folder "The Story of the Illinois Provisional Sales Tax Tokens." Merchandise notes, broken bank bills and promissory notes issued by Illinois as well as a large group of wooden "nickels" was displayed by W. G. Arnold.

— W. G. ARNOLD
Secretary-Treasurer

MONTEREY PARK COIN CLUB — Meeting Nov. 12 Monterey Park Community Center; Pres. Paap presided; auction; 38 attended. M. H. Bolender gave an interesting talk. A display of large paper money was made by Mr. Paap and Mr. Bolender.

— (MRS.) VERA SCHYMOSS
Corresponding Secretary

NEW JERSEY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY — 274th meeting Nov. 8th, Military Park Hotel, Newark, N. J. Arthur Mershon presided. J. A. Brown read an article on a famous counterfeiter, Napoleon Bonaparte. George Wait showed a lottery ticket of Mt. Florence, prize estate, 1872. William Klein has a nice 1796 small date, small letters U. S. silver dollar. Vincent F. Torhan had a Guernsey 1956 proof set and a 1944 5c with no M.M. W. A. Selfridge introduced for inspection a copy of a dekadrachm of Syracuse struck in silver.

At the meeting's close there was much conversation as to the ability of the collectors to absorb the 1956 proof sets, for each collector would have approximately 10 sets each of this year's issue if divided evenly. Also the disparity in prices of proof sets according to rarity, for some 1800s with almost twice as many coins as the 1936 proof sets and 20 times as scarce are selling for one-third the price of the '36.

— JAMES A. BROWN
Secretary

NEW MEXICO COIN CLUB — 43rd meeting, Nov. 26, social room of Public Service Co. of Albuquerque, 30 present. Pres. Marianne Miller presiding; refreshments.

The members voted to raise dues to \$2.00 and split the office of secretary-treasurer. Mrs. R. R. Fitz was appointed secretary, and C. E. Katzenberger appointed treasurer.

Sgt. A. Scolavino displayed a complete set of Liberty Standing quarters, including the over-date, ranging in condition from fine to BU, and gave a talk on this coin. He began with a brief biography of the designer, described in detail the differences between Type I and Type II, using large-size pencil sketches, and discussed the rather wide variation which occurs in the grading of individual quarters.

— MRS. R. R. FITZ
Secretary

NEW YORK NUMISMATIC CLUB — 574th meeting, Oct. 19, 45 Park Ave., New York, N. Y., 13 present. Pres. Brown presided and Mr. Kortjohn acted as secretary.

The members were asked to rise in respect to the memory of our deceased member, Wayne Raymond, whose numer-

ous numismatic books brought about a greatly increased interest in the study of numismatics.

The topics of the evening were: Confederate coins and paper money and broken bank notes of states below the Mason and Dixon line. U. S. mints and pioneer \$10 gold. Spanish-American gold coins.

Exhibits:

W. H. Arthur: Confederate half dollar restrike; 1793 cent C9-H.

W. C. Blaisdell: Double eagles of CC mint dated 1874, 1875 and 1876.

J. Blanchard: Collection of Confederate paper money, together with current bank notes of the period showing designs that were copied by Confederate engravers.

Vernon Brown: 1956 coins of Finland, 100 and 200 markkas.

H. J. Erlanger: Nuremberg, gold-strike of kreuzer of 1773; thalers dated 1624 Hatzfeld, 1597 (struck about 1666 in Nuremberg) Burgmilchling, 1606, 1610 (struck by Dietherr in Nuremberg), Swabian Circle 1694 (by P. H. Muller), Hohenlohe-Kirchberg 1737 (by P. P. Werner), Eichstatt 1764 (by Oexlein), Schwarzenberg 1766 (by Oexlein), Hohenlohe-Schillingsfurst 1/2 thaler 1770 (by Oexlein).

A. R. Feldman: Medals of Adm. Vernon and Comdr. Brown.

Damia Francis: Clinton lunch copper token.

J. R. Francis: Roman imperial denarii Tiberius Coh. 48 and Macrinus Coh. 37.

O. E. Futter: 53 different unc. and proof gold dollars.

M. Kortjohn: Confederate and Southern states notes, Confederate \$500 bond, reprint of Bradbeer's book on Confederate currency; book of inflationary notes of Greece.

T. F. Morris: Uncut pair of signed notes for \$5 and \$10 of State of Mississippi dated July 1, 1862.

Jos. G. Reinis: Presentation book of die proofs; "specimens" of Bureau of Engraving and Printing. C. 1864.

C. M. Wormser: Four silver Roman coins of Augustus.

The award for the finest exhibit of the evening was made to Mr. Futter for his gold dollars.

Charles Wormser recounted in an interesting manner his experience while on a European trip and told of his attendance at the Glendinning sale in England.

A report on numismatic items in various publications was made by Mr. Arthur.

— MARTIN F. KORTJOHN
Acting Secretary

NEW YORK NUMISMATIC CLUB — 575th meeting Nov. 9, 45 Park Ave., New York, N. Y., Pres. Vernon L. Brown presided, 12 present.

The topics of the evening were: Colonial coins and paper money, broken bank notes of New York and Connecticut, U. S. mint and pioneer \$20 and \$50 gold, silver coins of France.

Exhibits:

H. S. Bareford: 1793 13L large cent. England — Shrewsbury £1 Piece, Oxford £1 Piece — Rawlins' work.

L. J. Bernstein: U. S. \$20 gold, 1850, 1890S, 1892S, 1904, 1907D L.H., 1907 St. Gaudens R. N., 1908, 1914D, 1924 and 1928.

Dr. Julian Blanchard: Obsolete bank notes of Connecticut and New York, complete sheets, proofs and die proofs of vignettes; a special collection of notes of the Bank of New York, founded in 1784.

V. L. Brown: Misprint \$10 Federal Reserve bank note of New York, series 1950A with portrait of Hamilton cut out of obverse with reverse intact.

O. E. Futter: 25 different unc. and proof \$3.00 gold pieces.

E. K. Hessberg: Federal Reserve note of \$5 irregularly cut.

David J. McClymont: $\frac{1}{2}$ ecu of Louis XIV 1693, ecu of Louis XVI 1793, 1 and 2 francs, third republic, 1914, struck at Castelsarrasin, 2 franc piece engraved on one side for an A.E.F. dog-tag, Corps of Engineers, another similar for Marine Corps.

Thos. F. Morris: \$20.00 Saint-Gaudens second and third strikes. \$10.00 Saint-Gaudens 1912; relief in plaster of head of woman used as a model for subsequent design for the \$10.00 piece.

Richard Picker: Lord Baltimore shilling, Lord Baltimore groat, 1783 Chalmers three pence, Sommer Island six pence, 1787 Excelsior cent, 1787 Immunis Columbia cent, 1789 Mott token, 1787 Fugio cent "United" above "States" below, bar cent.

Oscar G. Schilke: Three different types of \$10 National Bank Notes on the First National Bank of Fairhaven, Vt., all No. 1 notes.

Emanuel Taylor: 10 large cents of the years 1795, 1797, 1798, 1802, 1820, 1824, 1826, 1828, 1833 all gem unc.

The award for the finest exhibit of the evening was made to Dr. Julian Blanchard.

- E. K. HESSBERG
Secretary-Treasurer

NEWARK COIN CLUB - 2nd meeting, Newark Y.M.-Y.W.C.A., Nov. 13th, 15 present, auction. The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag." The exhibit prize was won by Ralph H. Ulrich, who brought proof material in sets, series and groups and also a chunk of silver S mint of 60 ounces. A number of historical anecdotes about famous and infamous men marked by tragedy, Napoleon, Aaron Burr and Jefferson Davis, was read by J. A. Brown.

- JAMES A. BROWN
President

NORTH DAKOTA COIN CLUB - Nov. 27th meeting at home of Dr. and Mrs. Roger Berg, 10 present. Pres. Allen J. Anderson presided, refreshments. Officers for 1957, president, Allen Anderson; vice president, George Kollmann; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. F. E. Tunell; librarian, Mrs. H. D. Dunahay; club representative, Mrs. Tunell.

This meeting marked the eighth anniversary of our club, in which A.N.A. membership is a must.

The program was given over to the compilation of personal data with each member listing his name, address, occupation, family, numismatic interests, special collections. New members will be required to furnish same information. Dr. Berg exhibited world gold coins.

- MRS. F. E. TUNELL
Secretary

NORTHWEST COIN CLUB - 22nd annual convention, Ryan Hotel, St. Paul, Minn. Nov. 3 and 4, 1956. The registration was 100 and 79 attended the banquet. A special award was given to Paul Olson of Minneapolis for his exhibit of ancient and medieval gold. Other exhibit prizes went to William R. Fisher, Rolfe, Iowa and J. Mortimer Pugh, Austin, Minn. in the currency class; Clarence Gott, St. Paul, in the ancient classification; Mrs. Carmen Baum, South St. Paul

and W. B. Wheelock, St. Paul, historical group; Victor Kelly, St. Paul, and Frank Seifert, Stillwater, Minn., for special gold displays; J. Mortimer Pugh, foreign; Ernest Schatz, Wykoff, Minn., William Ulrich, Minneapolis, J. M. Pugh, and Irving Beery, Minneapolis, coin series. A.N.A. General Secretary, was present. Judges were Hjalmer Carlson, Paul Olson and F. B. Horn. Arnold Holmberg, Arnold Thorson and William Ulrich deserve great credit for their efforts on publicity.

- MRS. CARMEN BAUM
Secretary-Treasurer

OAK PARK COIN CLUB - 70th meeting Nov. 9, Community Chest rooms; 88 present; Pres. Paul Igelman presided. The meeting was a celebration of the sixth anniversary of the club. Members and guests enjoyed entertainment, refreshments, and a fine auction. Past president medals were awarded to Clyde Grimm, Earl Salisbury and Warren Kimball.

Exhibits:

Ben Odesser: 39 pieces of World War I Austrian concentration camp money.

George Howe: Set of standing liberty halves, lacking only 1947 P.

Harold Klein: Hung out his wash of sheets of uncut bills, from \$1 to \$10; set of all proofs obtainable except 1864-L, of small cents.

Salvatore Graziano: Large minor copper coins of the world.

Fred Catalano: 1895 proof \$1; Saint-Gaudens \$20 high relief; proof type set; 3c to \$1.

Walter Nemeck: Complete set standing liberty quarters.

Earl Salisbury: \$20 Saint-Gaudens Arabic numerals, mounted in a plastic blue star holder made by Warren Kimball.

Sam Marich: Three double type sets of unc. gold; two sets commemorative gold; Lafayette \$1; Isabella quarter.

Kenneth Marich: 1955 Canadian mint set; Louisiana centennial; two pony express medals; double gold type set; 1947 MacArthur Philippine medals; so-called half dollars.

- MARY E. HARRIS
Secretary-Treasurer

OKLAHOMA CITY COIN CLUB - 204th meeting, Pres. Harold Zeigler in chair, 25 present. Officers for 1957 are: President, John Dunn; vice president, M. C. Sauer; secretary, Wm. J. Dale; board of governors, C. A. Palme and John Overstreet. Retiring President Zeigler automatically fills the post as head of the board of governors.

The program featured slides on U. S. postage and fractional currency with John Dunn reading the lecture.

Exhibits:

Martin Brown: Connecticut note of 40 shillings.

M. C. Sauer: 1795 half dollar, 1908-S cent.

Mary McKee: Unc. 1894 cent.

Jack Salinger: Philippine Islands leper colony 10 centavos scrip coin.

O. W. Tims: 1956 proof set.

Vic Stangel: 1803 spiked chin one-half cent.

Bob Hardin: Cuff links made from 1907 dimes with bust of Liberty exploded through rims to almost a three dimensional proportion.

Charles Gordon: Counterfeit silver dollar, 50 and 25 cent pieces; 2 kroner and 25 aurar of Iceland.

Ralph Osborne: Lincoln cent set.

Harold Zeigler: Short shorter composed of 10 pcs. of Philippine Islands currency.

Dr. John L. Lhotka: Three staters of Corinth, one 500-431 B.C. with curled wing. This is the coin considered to be the original heads-tails coin. The other two staters were from the period of 400-338 B.C. One is with curled wing and the other with pointed wing.

P. K. Anderson: Two books, *Coins in China's History* by Coole and *Early Chinese Coins* by Wang Yu Chuan.

Jake Sureck: Sword made of Chinese cash, three books on Chinese coins and a 50 piastre commemorative, Egypt 1956.

Virgil Gaines: 1955-S cent, die break in LIBERTY.

Mrs. Denkhau: 2 pcs. Chinese knife money and large Chinese cash.

John Overstreet: Unc. 1873 quarter with arrows and a 2-sou piece of Louis XVI.

— WILLIAM J. DALE
Secretary

ORANGE COUNTY COIN CLUB — 220th meeting; Oct. 24; Brea, Calif.; Woman's Clubhouse; Pres. Courreges presiding; 88 present; exhibits; auction; refreshments; five new members.

Program Chairman Colver introduced John Lenker of Redlands, an early member of this club, who presented a program entitled "The Czars of Russia and Their Coins." In Halloween season fashion the speaker paraded the ghosts of all the 14 Russian czars and czarinas from Peter the Great in 1672 to the last, the late lamented Czar Nicholas II who was liquidated in the Bolshevik revolution. This was a most entertaining review of men who left coins to mark their regal existence.

— HERB BERGEN
Secretary

OREGON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY — Meeting Nov. 12, Multnomah Hotel, 46 present. All committees have been named for the PNNA convention which will be held in Portland next May and plans are going forward which should culminate in a good convention. The Society held its annual banquet at the Multnomah Hotel Nov. 3rd and had a large number present. James Young showed a fine set of slides that he had taken on a recent trip to South America. Clyde L. Davis brought to the attention of the members that this was the 20th anniversary of the club and gave a few interesting highlights on the first meetings of the club held in 1936. Displays were also brought to the banquet.

Exhibits:

Joe Shearman, 1953 proof English coronation set, 1953 New Zealand proof set and 1955 mint sets mounted in plastic holder.

Dick Bailey: Panama Pacific commemorative half dollar.

Robert L. Homes: Presidential medal set.

— MRS. CLYDE L. DAVIS
Secretary

OSAGE COIN CLUB — 14th meeting, Pawhuska, Okla., Orton Studio, Nov. 6th, R. G. Fister, president, in chair, 12 present, auction.

Discussion on dealers who advertise coins as available, but return order stating sold out, then advertise same merchandise at a higher price.

Exhibits:

Frank Silva: Complete folder quarters found in circulation.

Arvia Silva: 1870 Regno Vittorio.

Cora Miles: Pony express medal.

Mrs. Ester Whisler: 1952 Canadian 5c.

Mr. Fister: Pakistan coins, one rupee,

one pice and ¼ rupee (these coins were delivered personally to Mr. Fister by Mr. Kahn, official of the Pakistan government visiting in the U. S.)

— MRS. BERTHA RUTH ORTON
Secretary-Treasurer

PEORIA DISTRICT COIN CLUB — 22nd meeting, Dec. 4; Pres. Robert Whitmore presided; 28 present; auction.

Officers elected for 1957 are Pres. Forrest Curtis, Vice President Paul Young, Treasurer Dewilton Fiedler, and Secretary Marjorie Baker. Mr. Whitmore becomes chairman of the board of directors. Board members are Dr. Applebaum, Maurice Fairman and Harold Nagle.

Future meetings will be held the first Tuesday of each month in E. B. Hazen room of First Federal Savings and Loan Association's new building at 111 N. Jefferson Ave., Peoria, Ill., 7:30 p.m. Guests welcomed.

— MARJORIE BAKER
Secretary

PITTSBURGH NUMISMATIC SOCIETY — 48th meeting, Nov. 29th, Pres. Earl Cappel presided, 27 present.

Clark Stockdale spoke briefly on the philatelic, numismatic social at the Carnegie Museum on Nov. 14th.

Prosper DeVos read a paper on "Pattern, Trial and Experimental Pieces." He described the meaning and use of each. He said designers' finest work may be found among the experimental pieces, and described how the motto "In God We Trust" first appeared on our coins.

As this is Thanksgiving month, Pres. Cappel read a paper on "The Pilgrim Tercentenary," in which he described the voyage of the Pilgrims from Delft Haven, England, in 1620 to their arrival off Cape Cod on November 9th. Numismatically, the reading was connected to the Pilgrim commemorative half dollar.

Exhibits:

Prosper DeVos: Set of Israel coins; 1c to 50c patterns dating from 1859 to 1883.

Ithamar Lando: Uncut sheet 3c Washington fractional currency.

Richard Foley: Three pieces Swedish copper plate money denominations of half dollar, dollar and four dollars, 1728-1763.

Harry Bartley: Local transportations tokens mounted in wooden case.

Howard Gibbs: Early coins of Normandy and Brittany, Chinese jade used in funeral rites, siege piece of Scarborough.

Ray Byrne: Four pattern 20c pieces, 3c pattern and \$10 gold pattern in copper.

Andrew Kranack: Two different gold type sets.

Armor Murdoch: Medal commemorating 150th anniversary of our national capital at Washington, D. C.

John Keane: One-half sovereign of George V, trade dollar of 1878 made into an unique counter. This coin is split in three pieces, a small hole drilled in the obverse piece, the center piece numbered one to seven, which show at the cut hole, and which locks in position at each number.

Phil Williams: A gold watch made by Augustus Humbert in 1862, the back of which is identical with the reverse of the \$50 gold, and a type set of California gold, 25c to \$50.

— JOHN E. SPEICHER
Secretary-Treasurer

PHILADELPHIA COIN CLUB — 257th meeting Nov. 20, Benjamin Franklin Hotel; Pres. Joseph Byers presided; 57 pres-

ent. Edward Schwartz was appointed treasurer to replace Emil Frey who resigned because of illness. The award for best numismatic paper of the year was won by Arthur Sipe.

Exhibits:

George Cucore: Humorous note.

Ralph Jones: Collection of silver dollars.

Alex Kaptik: Medals.

Joseph Byers: Canadian dollar bill with boar's head.

Julius Windner: Photograph of badge emblem for 1957 A.N.A. convention.

The medal for best exhibit was won by Ralph Jones.

Hance Jaquett and Harmer Cole demonstrated the making of plastic slides. They also showed a number of excellent ones from their collection.

— S. SOLOMON
Secretary

PITTSBURGH NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

— 47th meeting, Oct. 25th, downtown YMCA, Earl Cappel presiding, 20 present. Ray Byrne read a paper entitled "U. S. Rarities," pointing out the confusion of some collectors today between the pricing and the quantity minted or available today. Webster defined the word "rare" as "that of which few exist" but the application of the word has strayed farthest from that definition in the buying and selling of coins. He compiled a chart showing number minted, the number known to exist, and his own personal attitude towards the actual rarity of some of the alleged "rare" coins. There was much discussion on the subject and Phil Williams called attention to an article in a hobbyist magazine stating that each month at least 500 new collectors are joining the ranks, and since there were just so many coins minted, formerly common coins will become more and more scarce.

William Alexander, curator Philatelic Division of the Carnegie Museum, talked about the planned dinner, combining the philatelic and numismatic organizations of the district, for November 14th.

Exhibits:

Phil Williams: Various items from the 1893 Chicago World's Fair, which included miniature fractional currency enclosed in isinglass used for season pass, a pressed-out dime, 5c and cent, general admission tickets, vari-colored, bearing famous people's portraits, and used for special days' admission at the fair.

Howard Gibbs: Gambling tokens of Siam (1800-1875) in various colors, which became current in the larger cities; leather money of Germany after World War I and the smallest coin in the world, a 1/64 tical of Siam, displayed in a glass vial along with a 1/32 tical to show the difference.

Ray Byrne: Patterns of 2 cents, 3 cents, quarters, half dollars, and dollars.

Harry Bartley: Buffalo 5c hollowed out and containing a hollowed out cent, in which was a dime.

Prosper DeVos: 1954 half dollar struck on a quarter planchet, and a 1955 quarter with a blank reverse, and a set of proof cents 1936-1956.

— JOHN E. SPEICHER
Secretary-Treasurer

RICHMOND COIN CLUB — 184th meeting, Byrd Park Community House, Nov. 14. Pres. Cluervius presiding; auction.

Mr. Cluervius discussed briefly the MANA convention. Mr. Johnson told about the many letters which he had received complimenting the club on the fine work it had done in making the convention a success.

The following were elected to serve in 1957: President, Stuart C. Jenks; vice president, R. M. Owen; recording secretary, Mrs. E. W. Hardee; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Ruth Galloway; treasurer, Frances W. Batten.

— STEPHEN D. PROCTOR
Secretary

ROCHESTER JR. NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION — Elected officers for the year are: Robert Stalker, president; Earl Gurell, vice president; Alan Petrie, second vice president; Donald Langlois, secretary; Jerry Vaccarella, treasurer; Tom Williams, librarian; Warren Shapiro, hobby council representative.

— DONALD LANGLOIS
Secretary

ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION — 967th meeting, Oct. 2nd; Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences; 42 present; Pres. Jack Cohen presided.

John J. Pittman spoke on U. S. coins and told of the vast amount of speculation at the recent conventions. He advised new members to secure books from our R.N.A. library and study the various U. S. series of coins. He warned all collectors to watch out for misleading advertising and suggested a new collector should collect only types of U. S. coins in choice condition.

Exhibits:

George J. Bauer: Seven gold solidi of Byzantium, 7th and 8th Centuries A.D.

Jack Cohen: Collection of 15 badges and lapel buttons of "Company A, Boys in Blue." This was a Republican Marching Club in Rochester from 1880 to 1920.

John J. Pittman: Seven U. S. mint medals in silver and bronze; Great Britain, 1902 coronation silver medal and 1937 coronation set in case; Saudi Arabia 1947 gold disc of sovereign weight; United States unc. half dollars, 1795, 1807, 1815, 1839-O and 1853; dollar unc. 1925 and Max Mehl catalog dated June 4, 1908 with price list.

Howard F. Osterman: 1953 proof crown of Southern Rhodesia commemorating the centenary of Cecil Rhodes.

Charles J. Ricard: U. S. California gold round quarter dollar of 1880 proof Lee 84, U. S. California gold octagonal half dollar of 1875 proof, variety not in Lee.

Mrs. Edna Moyes: A sword made of Chinese coins.

Douglas Borden: 1916, 1917 and 1917-D type 1 and 2 all found in circulation.

— CHARLES J. RICARD
Secretary

ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION — 968th meeting, Oct. 16th; Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences; 39 present. Pres. Jack Cohen presided.

Floyd B. Newell spoke on "Coin Slides." He demonstrated the making of these refraction slides of lucite, acetate and plastic. He has been very helpful in illustrating our programs throughout the years. He stated the best way to file the slides is in slide boxes and keep an indexed book for easy reference.

Exhibits:

George J. Bauer: Tray of 20 Roman bronzes coined at Alexandria.

Howard F. Osterman: Proof penny and half-penny of the Perth Mint of Australia 1955 and a proof penny of 1956.

Dr. John MacMillan: Canada, the colonies, complete set of five coins.

Wm. A. Elston, Jr.: Iceland commemoratives 2, 5 and 10 kronor, unc. in original boxes.

J. J. Pittman: \$20 1868-S, 1891-S and 1901-S; \$10 1881, 1898 and 1906-S; \$5

1882, 1907, 1846-D, 1851-D and 1858-D; Spain 1636, 50 reales; South Africa, 1947 specimen crown in case.

John Harris: Two sets of Indian head cents.

— CHARLES J. RICARD
Secretary

ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION — 969th meeting, Nov. 6th, Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences; 36 present; Pres. Jack Cohen presided.

The program was presented by Vice President Stella Osterman. Her topic was "Numismatic Firsts." She told of the first coins issued by the Lydians; the Romans were the first to silver plate coins for a profit; Edward I of England was the first Monarch to use the motto, "Dei Gratia" on his coins and many other firsts in numismatics were mentioned.

Exhibits:

George J. Bauer: 8 political medals.

John J. Pittman: U. S. A. \$2½ gold 1877-S and 1878-S; Hungary, 5 korona 1907, 5 pengo 1930, 5 pengo 1938 on the 900th anniversary of St. Stephan, 5 pengo 1939, 5 forint 1946, 1947, 5 forint 1948 of Petöfi, 10 forint 1948 of Szechenyi, 20 forint 1948 of Miholy; Poland, Sigismund III, silver crown 1672, bishop of Münster 6¼, 12½, 25 and 50 stivers, square planchet.

Howard F. Osterman: 1956 proof set of Guernsey.

Charles J. Ricard: Coins of Egypt, Hungary and Israel, very large text on medals of Napoleon I, "Tresor de Numismatique 1840, Paris"; a standard work on Napoleon I with 72 plates.

Mrs. M. Gilroy: 1 silver thaler struck in Wittenburg 1661 with bust of Martin Luther.

Edward Gilroy: Waitangi crown of New Zealand, 45 piastres of Cyprus, 5 franks of Albania, 1 gourde of Haiti.

William Elston, Jr.: 10 Austrian commemorative 2 shilling coins 1928-31.

Douglas Borden: 1892 half sovereign.

— CHARLES J. RICARD
Secretary

ROCHESTER NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION — 970th meeting, Nov. 20th, Rochester Museum of Arts and Sciences; 43 present; Pres. Jack Cohen presided.

The program was presented by Herbert W. VandenBrul on articles appearing in the older issues of *The Numismatist*. One topic covered the "Abernathy Rock" and the other was on the Becker counterfeits of ancient Greek coins.

Exhibits:

George J. Bauer: Some of coins that were illustrated in Rodee's article of the November, 1956, *Numismatist*, including the double shekel.

Edward Gilroy: Coins of Syria and Saudi Arabia.

Charles J. Ricard: U.S.A. 1861 gold \$1.00 br. unc.; sales tax tokens of Colorado, Oklahoma and Alabama; large Napoleonic medal in original case dated AN VIII, on the passage of Napoleon's army through the St. Bernard pass.

William Elston, Jr.: U.S.A. 1885 proof 5 cent piece.

John J. Pittman: Sweden 1542-1952; 60 different crowns; Cuba, 1915 proof silver peso; India, 1861 proof silver rupee; Russian, 1924 proof silver rupee.

— CHARLES J. RICARD
Secretary

ST. PETERSBURG COIN CLUB — 60th meeting, Oct. 19, Florida Power Idea Center, 1510 First Avenue, North, St.

Petersburg, Fla.; 29 in attendance; Vice President Alfred E. Bannister presided.

Exhibits:

Douglas Brown: Complete set of half dollars and complete set of Standing Liberty quarters.

William Sunday: Set of U.S. three cent pieces and set of two cent pieces.

Harper Mercer: Sets of various denomination gold pieces.

— IRENE BANNISTER
Secretary

ST. PETERSBURG COIN CLUB — 61st meeting, Nov. 16, Florida Power Idea Center, 1510 First Avenue, North, St. Petersburg, Fla., 38 in attendance.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: president, Alfred E. Bannister; vice president, Roma Baldinger; treasurer, Thomas Wood; secretary, Irene Bannister; curator, John Fritz; board of governors, Caryl Carper, William Sunday, Leo LeSan, William Guild.

— IRENE BANNISTER
Secretary

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY COIN CLUB — 100th meeting, VFW Hall, 631 G St., Oct. 18th, Pres. Ben Coon; 84 present; auction, refreshments.

Practically all the charter members and past presidents were present. Visitors included Mr. and Mrs. Panosh of San Diego, A.N.A. president; Mr. and Mrs. Harry S. Davidson, CSNA.

Scott McCormac displayed Civil War tokens, and gave a complete and most interesting history of their issue and passage. The many ways of forming a collection of the innumerable types was suggested, such as by cities or states, by patriotic insignia, by die sinkers, by tradesmen's articles and by dies or metals. This is an unlimited field of numismatics.

Charter members reminisced and displayed the gavel, made from the tree at the home of a departed one, the Arrowhead plaque engraved with past presidents' names, and trophies won by the club.

Mrs. Dan Harley displayed the Iceland commemorative set, as well as the U. S. type set of commemorative halves. Our wooden "nickels" celebrating this 100th meeting are available, five for a buck.

The informal friendliness policy of this club has been remarked by many of its visitors.

— L. L. BROWN
Secretary

SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY COIN CLUB — 101st meeting, 67 present, Nov. 15th, VFW Hall, Pres. Ben Coon presiding, refreshments, door prizes, auction.

Reports were made on the recent California State Numismatic Association Convention held at Santa Barbara by John Yribarne, Dr. Calvert Emmons, John Lenker, Chas. Colver, Dan Harley, and Herb Feinberg.

Brian Burke started the "Women's Nite" off with a display of coins carrying female features. Mrs. Novack displayed a Queen Elizabeth proof set, Colver showed proof Barber, Mercury, and Roosevelt dime sets, Dr. Emmons had his educational currency set \$1-2-5 in plastic along, and Colver had an album with 120 coins of the world, Don Finch had another set of Confederate currency that seems popular now.

— L. L. BROWN
Secretary

SAN DIEGO NUMISMATIC SOCIETY — 234th meeting, Nov. 5, Pres. James Andersen presided, 67 present.

Installation of officers banquet will be Jan. 19, 7:00 p.m. in the House of Hospitality located in Balboa Park. Tickets at \$3.00 each may be obtained from the secretary.

A panel composed of Dr. Ray Wilson, Dr. Bruce Wallace and Francis S. Jones answered questions from the audience about numismatics. The questions ran from ancient Roman coins to modern proof sets.

Exhibits:

J. R. Givens: Presidential medals.
Paul Hamm: Quarters and half dollars.

Charles Nissen: Morgan silver dollars.
Dr. Bruce Wallace: Queen Elizabeth proof sets.

— FRANCIS S. JONES
Correspondent

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY COIN CLUB

— 61st meeting Oct. 9, at spacious new meeting place, the Burbank YMCA building. Present were 94 members and guests, among them many local well-known civic leaders. Bill Koonce gave a very interesting talk on his recent experiences in coin buying and trading in Australia. Mr. Koonce had an excellent display of Australian coinage, tokens and allied items. Member displays included Swedish plate money, a year set, and proof sets.

Auction, bourse, door prizes, refreshments. Four past presidents were on hand to kick off the new meeting hall; George Baude, Lucky Wollard, Frank Toce, and L. M. "Tuck" Winger.

— IRIS BAUDE
Secretary

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COIN CLUB

— Meeting Sept. 18, Green Hotel, Pasadena, Calif. Pres. Ralph Graves presided; 27 present; auction.

Exhibits:

Mr. O'Brien: Colonial coins, 1694 elephant token, Kentucky cent, Franklin cent of 1787.

Mr. Shurie: U. S. and foreign gold.

Mr. Koonce: Lydia milled or pressed shilling, (Elizabethan hammered money of England).

Mr. Paap: Counterfeit \$5.00 of gold 1803.

Mr. Lee: 1873 fifty cent piece with arrows.

Mr. Frey: Spanish two bits.

Mr. Graves: Unc. 1923-S Lincoln cent.

Mr. Reberry: Magazine article on the Mint.

Mr. Harris: A complete collection of large cents.

Mr. Williams: Crowns, $\frac{1}{2}$ crowns, and $\frac{3}{4}$ crowns and stivers of 1574.

Mr. Birkett: Morgan unc. dollars.

Mr. Fischer: Magazine article on the Mint.

Mr. Alcorn: 1951, 1952, 1953 proof sets.

Mr. Viner: 1913-S buffalo 5c showing the two types.

Dan Sheets: \$3.00 gold.

Mr. Houser: 1909-D quarter, 1865 two cent piece.

Mr. Bolender: Many rare gold pieces from quarter dollar to \$50 and Saint Gaudens 1907 with Roman numerals.

The display prize was a $2\frac{1}{2}$ dollar gold piece won by Mr. Koonce.

A very informative and interesting talk on Australia and Australian coinage was given by Mr. Koonce who recently returned from there.

— HERB LEE
Corresponding Secretary

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COIN CLUB

— October 17th meeting, Green Hotel, Pasadena, Calif. Pres. Ralph Graves presided; 35 present.

Exhibits:

Mr. Frey: 1831 half dollar.

Mr. Viner: One and two dollar bills and Confederate bills.

Mr. Kabealo: 1860 proof set — rare.

Mr. Koonce: A really nice collection of Roman coins that were collected by the Romans.

Mr. McCormac: Civil War tokens and store cards of Oliver Boothwell and tokens in various metals showing different sizes.

Mr. Bingham: Set of gold-plated two cent pieces.

Mr. Davidson: Partial type set of dimes and half dimes, also a type set of \$5.00 gold pieces from all mints.

Mr. Houser: \$50.00 Confederate bill.

Mr. Birkett: Morgan dollars.

Dr. Mason: Foreign coins that he picked up in other countries.

Mr. Sanders: 1820 25c die variety, Browning 4.

Mr. Sheets: 1919 Mint set.

Mr. Harris: One peso, fifty centavos of the Philippines.

Mr. Graves: Counterfeit 1954-S dime and counterfeit shekel.

Mr. Reberry: Br. unc. 1903-S silver dollar.

Mr. Bolender: Eleven early silver dollars of different dates and types, 1795 to 1803. A.N.A. 1956 convention badge, his 25 year silver medal given by the A.N.A., 1879 proof, \$4.00 stella, 1851, \$50.00 gold octagonal, 1855 \$50.00 gold round.

Dr. Mason introduced the speaker of the evening, Mr. Bolender. He spoke on the A.N.A. convention, reliving it with the members of the club, keeping us all amused and entertained.

The display prize was won by Mr. Sanders, a $2\frac{1}{2}$ dollar gold piece.

— HERB LEE
Corresponding Secretary

SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COIN CLUB

— Nov. 21st meeting, Green Hotel, Pasadena, Calif. Pres. Ralph Graves presided; 31 present; auction.

Exhibits:

Mr. Reberry: Unc. set of Franklin halves.

Mr. Kabealo: A proof set of Barber quarters and a proof set of Barber dimes.

Mr. Harris: Pattern U. S. cent of 1942.

Mr. Bingham: Set of proof five dollar gold pieces.

Mr. Kilgreen: $2\frac{1}{2}$ gold piece.

Mr. Koonce: Odd and curious money.

Mr. Bolender: Early pieces of eight.

Dr. Harbeck: Many Roman coins, explaining how they were as cheap as U. S. coins to collect.

Dr. Mason: Eight $\$2\frac{1}{2}$ gold pieces from the Dahlonega mint.

Mr. Suhrie: Gold ring money from Ethiopia.

Mr. D. Williams: Bronze medals from Switzerland.

Mr. Housier: 1820 Canadian woodsman penny.

Mr. Sanders: Type set of gold proofs.

Mr. Frey: "Half shot" cents of 1952.

Mr. Robt. Williams: Three one-quarter dollar gold from Calif.

Mr. Birkett: Unc. Morgan dollars.

Mr. Graves: 1864 cent from circulation.

Mr. Viner: Collection of Indian cents.

Scott McCormac spoke on Civil War tokens.

— HERB LEE
Corresponding Secretary

SEATTLE COIN CLUB

— 236th meeting was conducted by Carl Olander, Jr., in the Edmond Meany Hotel, Sept. 27; 45 present.

David Graham, our speaker, was on leave from his work for the U. S. government in Formosa. Mr. Graham's interest in coin collecting opened the way for many visits to the mint there. He had a warm welcome and pieces were brought out which had been hidden away in drawers for years. Since the mint as such takes no interest in coins as pieces for collectors, rare patterns were available. In his collection was a handmade box of seven patterns showing both sides. This had been sent to the bank in Taiwan where one had been selected for coining. Trial designs, freak coins from the Taipei mint of the Republic of China, old silver dollars of China and 33 patterns of Taiwan were displayed. With the exception of a pattern with reverse only to Sun Yat-sen this collection was exhibited in Chicago.

Exhibits:

Carl Olander, Jr.: Framed collection of ancient Chinese coins and \$10 size Chinese coins including the automobile dollar.

Richard Burd: Chinese coins including mausoleum dollar of Sun Yat-sen, Formosa dollar, patterns from five nations for Sun Yat-sen dollar and dollar of Chu Yu Pu.

L. W. McCabe: Group of Oriental crowns and half crowns, Chinese and Far Eastern dollars, Siamese ticals and Burmese rupees.

Ben Gorlick: 22 pieces Oriental odd and curious money.

Arnold E. Knudson: Complete set of uncirculated Canadian one-cent pieces including all varieties from 1858 through 1956 except 1936 dot.

S. H. Bibler: U. S. \$1, \$2, \$5 of 1862 and advertising facsimile bills similar to the \$5 bill.

Eugene Gould: Chinese bar gold, 10 tael, Chinese gold boat money and a Gobrecht dollar 1836, proof.

Pictures of Cambodia, which Mr. Graham had taken, preceded the regular auction.

- ANNETTE B. GRAVES
Secretary

SEATTLE COIN CLUB - 237th meeting Edmond Meany hotel, Pres. Carl Olander, Jr., presided, 30 present, auction.

Columbus Day was honored as the subject for the October meeting. Lawrence W. McCabe briefly outlined the historical incidents pertaining to Columbus' voyages in the western hemisphere and his place as the discoverer of the new world.

Exhibits:

L. W. McCabe: Coins of Genoa and Castile of the time of Columbus, an 8R. of Columbia, 1821, and 50c of Columbia, 1892, 1 peso of Salvador 1908 and 50c Salvador 1893 with busts of Columbus.

Paul Fouts: 10 medals of Columbus and U. S. paper money showing Columbus.

Ben Gorlick: 33 medals of Columbian Exposition, 13 cards and passes to the exposition, playing cards with pictures of the buildings on each one, souvenir aluminum quill and carved letter opener in ivory with little peep hole of the buildings of the World's Fair.

Steve Bibler: U. S. mint medal of 1892, Columbian Exposition award medal by C. E. Barber and a set of card counterfeit detectors, pocket edition by American Photograph Co.

C. Saeman: 14 multiple thalers of Brunswick, Lumberg, Hamburg, Genoa and Lubrek (2 to 4 thalers).

Carl Olander, Jr.: Commemorative medals struck by various countries and U. S. cities, Isabella quarter.

- ANNETTE B. GRAVES
Secretary

SEATTLE COIN CLUB - 238th meeting, Edmond Meany Hotel, Nov. 29th, 23 present, Pres. Carl Olander, Jr., presided; auction.

Lawrence McCabe gave a resume of Canadian coinage and currency from 1800 when coins such as the Spanish doubloon, pistole and pistareen, English guinea, Portuguese johannes and moldore, French louis d'or and ecu, United States eagle and English crown and shilling finally gave place to the present coinage. In 1867 coinage and currency matters became a federal responsibility. The most notable recent development was the striking of the Canadian silver dollar which originated in commemoration of the silver jubilee of King George V in 1936. In 1956 when Newfoundland became Canada's tenth province, provincial coinage came to an end.

Exhibits:

Lawrence W. McCabe: Gold pistole, Spanish dollar and pistareen, French and English crowns and other types current in Canada in colonial and provincial times.

Carl Olander, Jr.: Year set of uncirculated Canadian dollars and sets of 1912, 1913 and 1914 five and ten dollar Canadian gold.

C. C. Saeman: Bracteates of Halbrestadt, Brandenburg and Magdeburg; 1951 set (English) of Charles VI.

S. H. Bibler: Canada half marque - 1740, one marque 1738-39-49-51-62 and rebellion sou.

- ANNETTE B. GRAVES
Secretary

SHENANGO VALLEY COIN CLUB - 42nd meeting, Nov. 15, Farrell public library, Pres. Homer Swanson presided, 85 present, auction.

A committee of eight ladies was named to be in charge of our Christmas party, which will be conducted next month.

Exhibits:

C. D. Clark: American coins.
A. T. LeBarron: Rolls, proofs and Lincoln cents.

Bernard Heckel: Proofs and U.S. coins.
Neil Porter, John Sherman: Proof sets, U.S. coins, rolls.

- ARDEN E. GILSON
Secretary

SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB - New officers are: Fred B. Finn, president; Everett H. Townsend, Jr., vice president; Edward P. Cignoni, secretary-treasurer.

- EDWARD P. CIGNONI
Secretary-Treasurer

STERLING-ROCK FALLS COIN CLUB - 40th meeting, Nov. 8, YMCA, Sterling, Ill., Pres. Milton Ward presided, 25 present, auction. Members of neighboring clubs: Byron, Kewanee, Illinois Valley, Tri-Cities were invited.

Exhibits:

Geo. MacLennan: 1936-1955 proof sets; U. S. paper money.

- HELEN E. HAINES
Secretary

TIDEWATER COIN CLUB - 13th meeting, Oct. 19, Bank of Va. Bldg., Norfolk, Va., Pres. Parrish presided, 29 present, auction.

- J. C. RUEHRMUND
Secretary-Treasurer

TIDEWATER COIN CLUB - 14th meeting, Nov. 14, Bank of Va. Bldg., Norfolk, Va., Pres. Parrish presided; 27 present. Plans were made for two public programs on numismatics at the Nor-

folk Museum during Jan. and March 1957. Program: reading of interesting portions of "Early Engineering Reminiscences of the U. S. Mint," by G. E. Sellers from the *American Machinist*, 1893, by J. C. Ruehrmund who also displayed a first steam coinage commem. medal sold currently by the Mint.

— J. C. RUEHRMUND
Secretary-Treasurer

TIDEWATER COIN CLUB — 15th meeting, Nov. 28, Bark of Va. Bldg. Portsmouth, Va., Pres. Parrish presided; 23 present. Total membership now 64, including 30 ANA members. Program: a most interesting talk on Canadian numismatics by Capt. L. L. Atwood, Royal Canadian Navy, illustrated with many coins and a group of slides.

— J. C. RUEHRMUND
Secretary-Treasurer

TORONTO COIN CLUB — Meeting Sept. 22, 12 present; E. K. Hessberg, secretary of the New York Numismatic Club, was a visitor. Vice President Fred C. Jewett was in the chair. Grant D. Crewe acted for the Secretary and Miss Nola Crewe acted as receptionist in the absence of the regular officers.

Mr. Hessberg outlined the operation of the N.Y.N.C. which holds all meetings in the form of dinner meetings, and also expressed his pleasure at attending such an informal meeting as this one.

Several coins were submitted for attributing, which created much speculation and discussion, in fact some were held over for another meeting for identification.

Exhibits:

Alan Brinley: Proof gold coins of Great Britain.

Fred C. Jewett: Canadian gold coins and tokens.

E. Roseborough: Paper money.

— PETER S. FAVRO
Secretary

TORONTO COIN CLUB — Meeting Oct. 27; 27 present; auction. Norman B. Mason reported on the Chicago A.N.A. convention. Dr. J. S. Wilkinson and Vincent Greene reported on the CNA convention. Master Russell Martel and Mrs. Louise Graham gave their impressions of the Hamilton chapter's annual banquet.

— PETER S. FAVRO
Secretary

TORONTO COIN CLUB — Meeting Nov. 24; 28 present; table auction. Pres. G. R. L. Potter spoke on coin minerals. Peter S. Favro exhibited a metal encased U. S. 1918 dime with AMERICAN MUSEUM OF ATOMIC ENERGY — NEUTRON RADIATED on the frame. Norman Mason exhibited his collection of A.N.A. CNA and other convention badges and ribbons.

— PETER S. FAVRO
Secretary

TRENTON NUMISMATIC CLUB — 51st meeting, Nov. 5th, "Farmhouse," West State St. Pres. Walter Caines presided, 35 members present; auction.

Joseph Scott was made chairman of the committee to plan for our dinner meeting in January.

We had as our guest speaker for the evening Harry C. Mathews, a well-known dealer from Jersey City. A friend also accompanied him and gave a short talk on collecting foreign coins. Mr. Mathews' talk covered his experiences of collecting and dealing from his childhood to the present. He has recently received his 25-year medal as a member of the

ANA. After a very interesting speech, Mr. Mathews was given a big round of applause.

— MRS. NORMAN W. PULLEN
Secretary

TRI-CITIES COIN CLUB — New officers are Floyd Vaught, president; Bob Hendricks, vice president; Connie Andersen, secretary-treasurer; Ray Haggenjos and Larry Fritch, directors. Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month, 7:30 p.m., auditorium of the Illinois Light and Power Co., Moline, Ill.

— CONNIE T. ANDERSEN
Secretary-Treasurer

WASHINGTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY — Meeting Oct. 1, Smithsonian Institution, Pres. Matelis presiding, auction.

The death of Wayte Raymond, noted numismatist and publisher of many numismatic writings, was announced. He held membership in our society.

The revision of our club history, constitution and by-laws has been printed. This "milestone" reminded us that our Society had another 25-year member of the ANA, Dr. Elmer Nelson to whom presentation of his pin was made at this time.

Mr. Russell proposed the following individuals for consideration for honorary membership in the Society: Mrs. R. V. Beister, Superintendent, U. S. Philadelphia Mint; William H. Brett, Director, U. S. Mint; Mr. Baughman, Chief, U. S. Secret Service; Mr. Holtzclaw, Director, Bureau of Engraving and Printing; Col. McCormick-Goodhart; Mendel Peterson, Smithsonian Institution. This proposal was made as a motion and seconded; voting will take place at the November meeting.

The appointment of Dr. Vladimir Clain-Stefanelli to succeed the late Stuart Mosher as Curator of Coins at the Smithsonian Institution was announced. Dr. Clain-Stefanelli is well known to our members and his appointment was well received; he entered on his new duties today.

Owing to the ever-increasing interest in trading, buying and selling of coins between members of our Society, and to safeguard the interests of all concerned, Pres. Matelis appointed an ethics committee. They are to formulate a code of ethics and submit it to the membership for discussion and approval.

Col. Newton, long a faithful member of our Society, was present as a guest. Having retired some time ago from active military service, Col. Newton took up residence in Vermont, where after besting some stiff competition, he announced he had won the title of "Town Loafer." Knowing the energetic colonel, we accepted this statement with the proverbial grain of salt.

The evening closed with a showing of the A.N.A. commemorative coin slides.

— MILDRED S. SZEGO
Publicity Chairman

WASHINGTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY — Meeting Nov. 5, Smithsonian Institution, auction, A.N.A. slides, Pres. Matelis presided. Brief reports of MANA convention were presented, revealing that several of our members (Messrs. Welkert, Schneider, Leachman) received exhibit awards.

— MILDRED S. SZEGO
Publicity Chairman

WASHINGTON NUMISMATIC SOCIETY — Meeting Dec. 3, Smithsonian Institution, Pres. Matelis presided; auction.

Dr. Paul Szego reported that a code of ethics had been drafted. This draft will appear in the next bulletin for review by members and voting at the next meeting.

Mr. Barton reported that he is taking orders for 1957 proof sets and quoted the cost and procedure for those wishing to place their orders with him.

The following officers were elected for 1957: president, Flournoy Schneider; vice president, Neil Shafer; secretary-treasurer, Eldridge Jones; executive board, Valentine Matelis, Harry Rothwell, Fred Neeson; sergeant-at-arms, Capt. V. L. Bigsby; representative to MANA, Ben Douglas; alternate, R. G. McCabe.

Mr. Schneider expressed his appreciation for the confidence of the membership in electing him to office, pledged his active efforts for the benefit of the society, and urged that the "back seat" members begin to move up front in terms of becoming active participants, and volunteering for committee assignments.

Secretary Jones called for a rising vote of thanks to ex-president Matelis and praised him for his energetic leadership during the past year.

Mr. Matelis generously gave credit to the members who, he said, made his administration nearly as simple as a "push-button" operation; he remarked that the cooperation he received while President had greatly eased his problems and thanked the group for their loyalty. He, too, urged "the quiet ones" to contribute in an active fashion to the life of the society.

Mr. Schneider announced that he had learned that there will be special inaugural medals struck commemorating Pres. Eisenhower's second inaugural.

— MILDRED S. SZEGO
Publicity Chairman

WEST VALLEY COIN CLUB — September's meeting was highlighted by an exhibit of and talk on "Germanic Coinages from 1871 to Present" given by Patrick H. Zabel, who showed how the history of Germany (from its rise and fall as an empire, its division into states, etc.) was portrayed on the coins, emphasized how much satisfaction could really be gained, without spending much money, by studying the history of coins acquired.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY COIN CLUB — 266th meeting, Oct. 16th, YMCA, New Rochelle, N. Y., Pres. Hessberg presided, 31 present; auction.

Exhibits:

George Baronian: American 50c commemoratives, incomplete.

Louis N. Beaird: Nine U. S. commemorative half dollars; 14 bronze, nickel and aluminum coins, denominations ranging from the 1867 2 centesimo piece of Vittorio Emanuele II to the 10 lire 1953 of the Italian republic; 1 five centesimo coin of Republic of San Marino 1894.

Saul Bellus: 50 piastres of Egypt to commemorate the evacuation of the British and 1956 Hungarian set of 25-20-10 forint to commemorate the 10th anniversary since the inflation period.

Aaron R. Feldman (guest): Canadian medal depicting map of the world on 1898 2 cent postage stamp of Canada.

Jack Felerstein (guest): Set of Buffalo 5c; 1954, 1955 and 1956 proof sets; 1916 S.L. quarter.

R. Gallo: Papal coinage, gold and silver, 847 to 1691.

E. K. Hessberg: Incomplete set of commemorative half dollars; five dollar bill improperly cut.

William Lighte: Part of type set of commemorative half dollars, consisting of 36 coins.

W. L. Marlatt: 17 commemorative coins; set of 20th century U. S. coins.

John Mangels: 20 U. S. commemorative half dollars.

W. Pearson: Type set of U. S. commemorative half dollars; set of Austrian commemorative 2 schilling pieces.

Steven Schoen: Incomplete U. S. commemorative half dollars; various Italian coins.

Mrs. E. Weidhaas: Commemorative half dollars.

Ernest Weidhaas: 30 papal medals from St. Canadetus to Pius XII.

Donald Whitney: 36 U. S. commemorative half dollars.

— DORIS K. MANGELS
Secretary

WESTCHESTER COUNTY COIN CLUB — 267th meeting, Nov. 20th, YMCA, New Rochelle, N. Y., Pres. Hessberg presided, 28 present, auction.

The nominating committee presented the slate of candidates for office for 1957 who will be considered for election at the meeting to be held Dec. 18th.

— DORIS K. MANGELS
Secretary

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY — Meeting Oct. 2, Carnegie Museum Library, Pres. DeVos presided, 17 present.

Annual banquet will be held Nov. 14 in conjunction with the Philatelic Centurion Society.

Mr. Kennedy, the Curator, turned over to the Society two bound volumes of *The Numismatist*.

Ray Byrne spoke on "United States Rarities." His talk was well presented and brought forth many favorable comments.

Exhibits:

Ray Byrne: Type set U. S. gold in proof \$1, \$2, \$2.50, \$3, \$4, \$5, \$10 and \$20; 30 U. S. pattern cents; 1851 flying eagle pattern proof struck on 20c aluminum planchet.

Harry C. Bartley: Two transportation tokens depicting animals, horse car Manukato, Minnesota, and beaver Montreal, Canada, Lachine Railroad.

Prosper E. DeVos: Set walking liberty half dollars 1935-47D, Rhodesia-Nyasaland proof set 1955, 1955 Washington quarter with blank reverse, 1954 Franklin half struck on 25c planchet, Australian proof set 1955 Elizabeth II, set of 10 Austrian 2 shilling commemorative pieces, set of proof 5c pieces 1938-1942 and 1950-1956 in plastic holder, several Maundy sets Great Britain.

William A. Gaede: 1956 half crown of Saxony, various coins of Costa Rica and Honduras, 1793 Bermuda penny.

J. M. Kennedy: 1858 U. S. proof set \$1 to 1c, 1875 U. S. proof set 50c to 1c.

I. B. Lando: Odd and curious money including the following: China, Shantung knife money 860-260 B.C., bell money, spade money Chou Dynasty 340-250 B.C., arrowhead money 9-23 A.D., sycee 2 tael, set (shoe or boat money), sycee 2 tael, set of 3 fish token money in original box; Japan, Cho Gin or bean cake block tempo era 1837; Siam, bullet money 1 tical 1851-68, copper boat money; West Africa, gizi penny or "wife buying" money.

Robert S. Porter, Jr.: Coins of ancient Tarentum, gold and silver.

W. W. Woodside, Sr.: Three pieces of ancient Irish ring money, 16 ancient British coins, seven coins of Roman Britain.

W. W. Woodside, Jr.: 24 pieces depicting various animals from 18 different countries.

Richard T. Foley: 10 Austrian commemorative 2-shilling pieces in plastic holder, Leslie 2 penny piece Canada, 1891 small date Canadian cent, 10 Scotch communion tokens, eight Canadian communion tokens, Montreal College medal, two bridge tokens Canada - Caleche and Personne, 1858 gold sovereign of Australia.

- RAYMOND T. FOLEY
Secretary

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY - Nov. 6 meeting, Carnegie Museum library, Pres. Prosper E. DeVos presiding, 17 present.

In the absence of Richard T. Foley, Pres. DeVos appointed Ray Byrne Secretary pro tem. Mr. Kennedy, Curator, made a gift to the society of bound copies of papers presented by the members at the meetings. Mr. Hendel announced the speaker of the evening, John M. Kennedy, whose talk "The Curator and His Job" was very enlightening and educational.

Exhibits:

David L. Davis: Group of Civil War tokens including seven from Pittsburgh, group of trade tokens and two hard times tokens.

John M. Kennedy: 1903 Philippine set 1/2 cent to \$1.

I. B. Lando: 1796 U. S. quarter.

W. W. Woodside: British colonial tokens: 16 from Malaya, eight from Assam and seven from India.

Ray Byrne: 1913 U. S. proof set, 1916 Philadelphia mint set, several types 1913 U. S. 5c, several types 1917 U. S. quarters.

Prosper E. DeVos: Commemorative crown of Egypt 1956, 1955 proof mint set Canada, U. S. 1937, 1955 and 1956 proof sets, 1 yen Japan 1870 with chrysanthemum.

Harry C. Bartley: Collection of transportation tokens of western Pennsylvania, transportation tokens from Pittsburgh and other points.

William Gaede: U. S. colonial pieces of various colonies, 1839-O half dollar, Massachusetts pine and oak tree shillings.

Armor Murdoch: \$10 currency 1929 First National Bank of Wilkinsburg, paper on foreign gold storage in New York City.

C. O. Stockdale: Group of British colonial coins and tokens.

- RICHARD T. FOLEY
Secretary

WESTERN RESERVE NUMISMATIC CLUB - 428th meeting, Oct. 10, Hotel Carter; Pres. McNamara presiding; auction; 44 attending.

Fred Rosenthal gave a talk on "The Romance of the Old Banks and Notes of Ohio," an interesting story of the banking system, banks, and bank notes from 1799-1803, early bank charters, bank failures of 1812, the new banking laws of 1816.

Exhibits:

Joe Lukas: Railroad passes issued by several railroads in the early days, including token used for cord wood to run locomotives.

Joe Sawicki: Five Polish crowns and four small size coins of Poland.

Wm. Jacka: 1876 centennial medals showing famous buildings.

Edgar Bell: Mexico 8 reals and pesos, a total of 89 pieces.

Ed. Windau: Scotch communion tokens.

Macy Hallock: U. S. cents cleaned with oakite to show that this product cleans and shines them like new.

- FRED N. NAHLEN
Secretary

WESTERN RESERVE NUMISMATIC CLUB - 429th meeting, Hotel Carter, Nov. 14, Pres. McNamara presiding, 55 present, auction.

Exhibits:

Sawicki: The seven Bell thalers of Brunswick-Luneberg, of 1643; Napoleon 3rd, inscribed FINI GERMANY; 1916 China Yuan Shi Kai; Prince of Monaco 1837; and Franz of Austria, Alexander I of Russia and Friedrich Wilhelm of Prussia. These he called the coins of disappointment.

Kolman: Collection of mint errors; also the second prize trophy he brought back from the last convention. He spoke a few words about the new club started by collectors of mint errors.

Joe Lukas: Collection of campaign buttons.

Edgar Bell: Large size one dollar bills; a frame of mounted Roman Greek and Asiatic coins.

Budde: Colonial paper bills, including New Jersey 1776 Series A B C 1 shilling to 6 pounds.

Mr. Heighstshoe was the main speaker of the evening. He traced the movement of the 16 ships or galleons that left these shores with treasure in 1643, bound for Spain, how 14 were sunk during a hurricane, and the many attempts to locate and remove the treasure.

- FRED N. NAHLEN
Secretary

WINONA COIN CLUB - First annual meeting, Hotel Winona, Oct. 30th, 60 present; in the absence of our president, A. D. Thurlay presided, banquet, entertainment, auction.

Exhibits:

Mr. Schatz: Complete sets of cents, silver three cent pieces, three dollar gold pieces and half cents.

Bart Foster was elected president; Louis Giesen, vice president; Miss Laura Darling, treasurer; and Oke Hultkrantz, secretary.

Attendance prizes of a 1956 proof set and a magnifying glass were given away. A lifetime membership was awarded Mr. Schatz. Club meets the last Tuesday of each month at the YMCA.

- OKE HULTKRANTZ
Secretary

WORCESTER COUNTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY - Meeting Oct. 12th, Worcester Historical Society, 43 present. The program for this meeting was an informal question and answer period, during which the members and guests were able to have any coins identified, appraised or graded. Coins were displayed by Jack Marshall and Kenneth Rendell.

- LYLE A. SMITH
Secretary

WORCESTER COUNTY NUMISMATIC SOCIETY - Meeting Nov. 9th, Worcester Historical Society, 64 present, Pres. John J. Kittredge presided, auction.

On exhibit was a collection of Japanese occupational currency of the Philippines and Massachusetts clearing house certificates owned by Dr. W. W. Baumgartner. Joseph Powers had a display of crowns of the world.

- LYLE A. SMITH
Secretary

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	Unc.	Gem		AU	Unc.		F	VF		VG	F
1878-8	\$ 5.00	\$10.00	1841	\$30.00	...	1889CC	\$7.00	...	1805	\$7.50	\$12.50
1878 7-			1842	22.50	...	1892S	2.50	\$4.00	1806	12.50	20.00
over 8	10.00	15.00	1843	22.50	...	1896S	3.00	4.00	1807/06	5.75	...
1878-7	2.00	4.00	1844	...	\$35.00	1904-O	7.50	10.00	1807	5.50	7.50
1878CC	2.50	4.50	1845	30.00	...	1934S	3.50	5.00	1808	12.50	...
1879PS	2.50	4.50	1846	20.00	...				1809	...	42.50
1880PS	2.50	4.50	1847	22.50	...	Lettered Edge					
1880CC	7.50	15.00	1849	25.00	...	1798 VF	42.50	...	1810/09	6.00	10.00
1881PS	2.50	4.50	1860-O	...	25.00	F	25.00	...	1811/10	17.50	...
1881CC	7.50	15.00	1868	...	22.50	1799/98 EF	65.00	...	1811	13.50	22.50
1881-O	4.00	8.50	1872	...	18.50	1799 AU	75.00	...	1812SD	3.75	6.00
1882	2.50	4.50	T\$1873	15.00	...	EF	52.50	...	LD	5.00	...
1883	2.50	4.50	1876S	10.00	14.00	VF	42.50	...	1813	8.75	...
1883CC	4.50	8.50	1877S	10.00	14.00	Stars 8x5 VF	60.00	...	1814	4.50	...
1883-O	3.50	7.50	1879CC	4.00	6.00	1800 EF	52.50	...	1816	2.00	3.00
1884	2.50	4.50	1879-O	4.00	6.00	VF	42.50	...	1817	1.50	2.75
1884CC	4.50	8.50	1880-O	2.50	4.00	Americai EF	75.00	...	1818	1.50	2.50
1885	2.50	4.50	1882-O	3.00	5.00	1801 VF	42.50	...	1819/18	2.75	3.75
1885-O	3.50	7.50	1885S	2.00	2.50	1802 VF	42.50	...	1819	1.50	2.50
1886PS	2.50	5.50	1890-O	2.50	3.50	1803 VF	42.50	...	1820	1.50	...
1887	5.00	7.50	1891-O	4.00	6.00				1821WD	7.50	...
1887S	2.50	4.50	1892	...	7.00	Large Cents					
1888S	2.50	4.50	1892CC	...	4.00	AU	Unc.		CD	10.00	17.50
1889PS	2.50	4.50	1893CC	...	15.00	1813	37.50	...	1822	2.50	3.50
1890CC	2.50	4.50	1893-O	...	12.50	1818	...	10.00	1824/22	6.75	...
1890S	2.00	4.00	1894-O	4.00	...	1820LD	...	15.00	1824	2.50	...
1891CC	2.50	5.00	1896-O	4.50	7.00	1828LD	15.00	...	1825	2.50	5.00
1891S	2.00	4.00	1896S	12.50	15.00	1834SD	...	15.00	1826	1.75	4.00
1893	7.50	12.50	1899	7.00	...				1827	1.50	3.00
1894S	2.50	4.50	1901-O	5.00	7.00	VF EF					
1895S	25.00	30.00	1923D	3.00	3.50	1805	17.50	...	SD	5.00	8.50
1896	5.00	10.00	1924S	3.00	4.00	1812SD	10.00	...	1830	2.00	...
1897	3.50	7.50	1927D	...	7.50	1816	5.00	...	1831	2.00	3.00
1897S	2.50	4.50	1928S	...	4.00	1817WD	...	7.50	1832	2.50	4.50
1898	3.50	5.50	1934	...	5.00	1819LD	3.50	...	1833	1.50	3.00
1898S	2.50	4.50				SD	3.50	...	1834	2.00	4.00
1899S	2.50	7.50				1821WD	22.50	...	1835	2.00	4.00
1900PS	2.50	4.50	1841	...	25.00	1822WD	6.50	...	1836	2.00	4.00
1900-O	3.50	7.50	1846-O	18.50	...	1826/25	15.00	...	1837BHC	2.00	4.00
1903	3.50	7.50	1849	...	20.00	1826WD	6.50	...	PHC	1.50	2.50
1903S	27.50	35.00	1850-O	20.00	...	CD	6.50	...	1838	1.25	1.75
1904	...	5.50	T1874CC	20.00	...	1827	6.50	10.00	1840	1.75	3.25
1922D	3.00	5.00	1874S	10.00	...	1828LD	5.50	...	1842	2.00	3.00
1922S	2.00	4.00	1875CC	17.50	22.50	1831LL	5.00	6.75	1843	1.50	2.50
1923PS	2.00	4.00	1875S	...	10.00	1832LL	6.00	...	1844	1.25	2.25
1924	2.00	4.00	1876S	7.00	8.00	1834SD	5.00	7.50	1845	1.00	1.50
1925	4.00	7.50	1877CC	45.00	...	1835SD	6.50	...	1846	.90	1.25
1926PS	2.50	4.50	1877S	7.00	8.00	1836	6.00	...	1847-50	.75	1.25
1928	8.50	12.50	1878S	8.00	10.00	1837BHC	6.00	7.50	1851-54	.75	1.00
1934D	5.00	10.00	1879CC	3.00	4.00	PHC	3.50	5.00	1855	1.00	1.75
1935	4.00	6.00	1879-O	2.50	3.00				1856	1.00	1.50
1935S	7.50	12.50	1880-O	2.00	2.50				1857	...	8.50
			1881CC	...	4.00	1838	3.25	5.00			
			1881-O	2.50	3.00	1840	4.50	...	1794	Fair	G
1878S	2.00	3.00	1882CC	2.00	3.00	1841	3.75	...	1795LE	3.00	5.00
1882CC	3.50	5.50	1882-O	2.00	2.50	1843	4.00	6.00	PE	5.00	...
1882S	2.50	3.50	1883CC	2.00	3.00	1845	3.00	5.00	1796LC	...	11.50
1883S	3.50	5.50	1884-O	2.00	2.50	1846	2.50	3.50	DB	...	10.00
1884-O	3.50	5.50	1884S	2.00	3.00	1847	2.00	3.00	1797WS	2.50	4.50
1885CC	7.50	10.00	1885PO	1.75	2.25	1848	2.00	3.00	NS	...	30.00
1887-O	...	7.50	1886-O	2.50	...	1849	2.50	...	1798SD	1.50	3.25
1888	3.50	5.50	1887-O	2.50	3.00	1850	2.50	3.50	1800	...	3.25
			1888	1.50	2.00	1851	2.00	3.00	1801	...	3.50
1888-O	5.00	7.50	1888-O	2.50	3.00	1852	1.50	3.00	1802	1.50	2.50
1889-O	5.50	8.50	1889-O	2.00	2.50	1853	2.00	3.00	1803	1.00	2.00
1890	2.50	3.50	1891-O	2.00	3.00	1854	2.00	3.00	1803NS	...	5.00
1891	2.50	3.50	1892-O	2.00	3.00	1855	3.00	...	1805	...	1.75
1897-O	7.50	10.00	1893CC	5.00	...	1856	2.00	3.00	1807LF	1.50	...
1899-O	5.00	7.50	1894	...	10.00	1857SD	11.50	13.50	SF	...	3.25
1901S	2.50	3.50	1894-O	2.50	3.00				1808	...	4.00
1902S	2.50	4.00	1896	2.00	3.00	1794	10.00	17.50	1809	9.50	...
1921PDS	2.00	3.00	1896-O	2.50	3.50	1797WS	10.00	...	1810	1.75	2.75
1922	2.00	3.00	1897PO	...	2.50	1798/97	25.00	...	1812	1.25	2.50
1925S	2.50	4.00	1899	3.50	5.00	1798LD	6.00	...	1813	3.00	5.00
1926D	3.50	5.50	1899-O	...	2.50	1801	6.50	...	1816	...	1.00
1927	3.50	4.50	1902	2.00	...	1802	...	4.00	1817	.35	.90
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57	\$2.00	1917	V-F		7.50
58	\$2.00	1917	Unc. . . .		12.00
58	\$2.00	1917	V-F		6.00
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230	\$1.00	1899	V-F		3.00
232	\$1.00	1899	Unc. . . .		5.00
232	\$1.00	1899	V-F		3.00
233	\$1.00	1899	Unc. . . .		5.00
233	\$1.00	1899	V-F		3.00
235	\$1.00	1899	Unc. . . .		5.00
235	\$1.00	1899	V-F		3.00
238	\$1.00	1923	Unc. . . .		4.00
238	\$1.00	1923	V-F		2.50
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712	\$1.00	1918	V-F		4.00
713	\$1.00	1918	Unc. . . .		7.50
713	\$1.00	1918	V-F		4.00
715	\$1.00	1918	A-U		15.00
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751	\$2.00	1918	Fine		8.00
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Federal Reserve Notes

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849	\$5.00	1914	A-U		12.50
851	\$5.00	1914	Unc. . . .		15.00
851	\$5.00	1914	A-U		12.50
971	\$20.00	1914	Unc. . . .		35.00
1198	\$50.00	1922	A-U		75.00
2133	\$20.00	1928	Unc. . . .		30.00

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1239	New		6.00
1243	New		15.00
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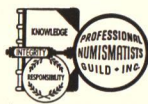
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1946-P-D Ea.	1.75	1954-S	3.00	1951-D	12.75
1946-S	2.25	1955-P	9.00	1952-P-D Ea.	12.65
1947-P	3.85	1955-D	2.60	1952-S	16.75
1947-D	2.75	1956-P	3.00	1953-P-D-S Ea.	12.50
1947-S	3.25	1956-D	2.50	1954-P-D Ea.	11.50
1948-S	4.50			1954-S	12.25
1948-P-D Ea.	3.55			1955-P	12.00
1949-P-D Ea.	3.75			1955-D	14.50
1950-P	2.80			1956-P-D Ea.	11.50
1950-D	2.50				
1951-S	4.00				
1951-D	1.55				
1952-S	3.00				
1951-P	1.80				
1952-D	1.00				
1953-P-D Ea.	1.00				
1953-S	2.30				
1954-P	1.75				
1954-D	.90				
1954-S	1.25				
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1955-D	.85				
1955-S	1.75				
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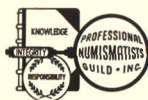
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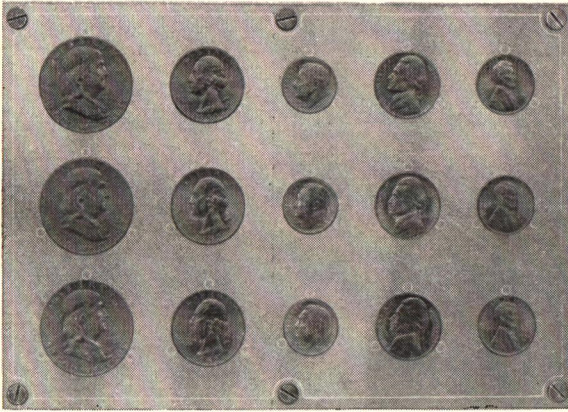
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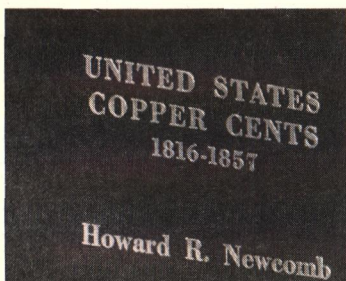
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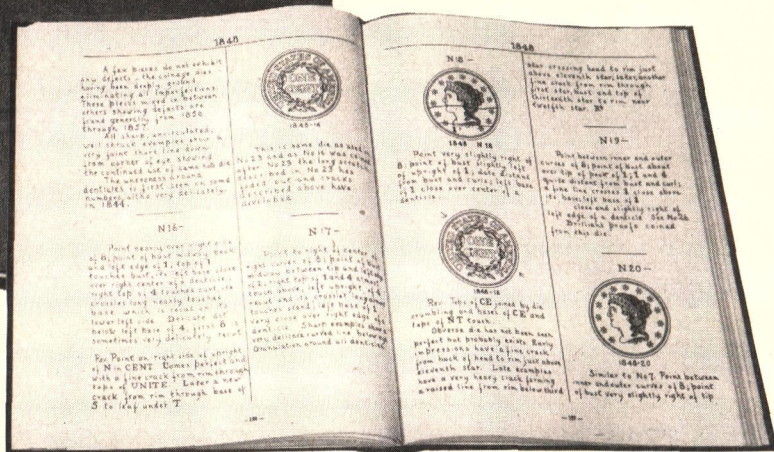
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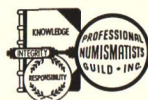
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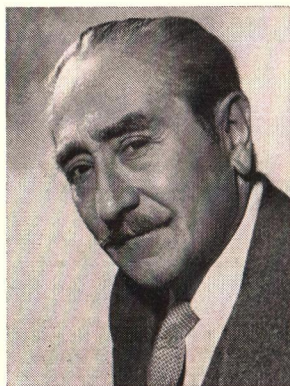
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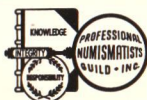
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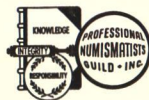


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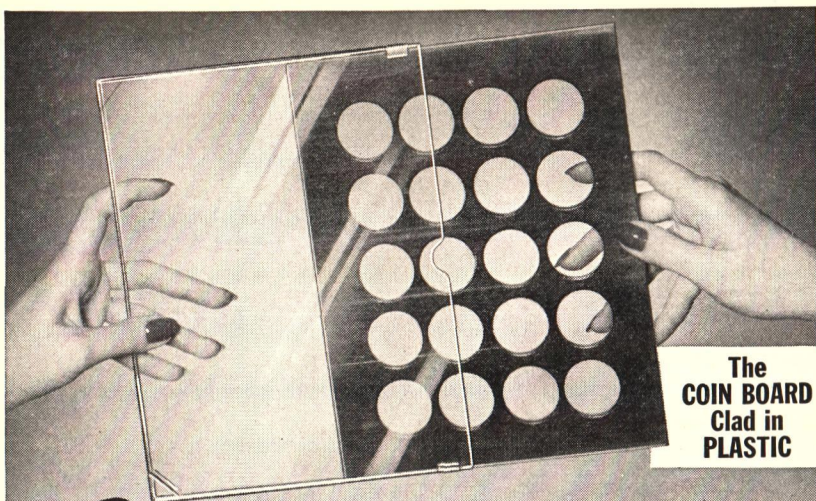
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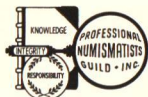
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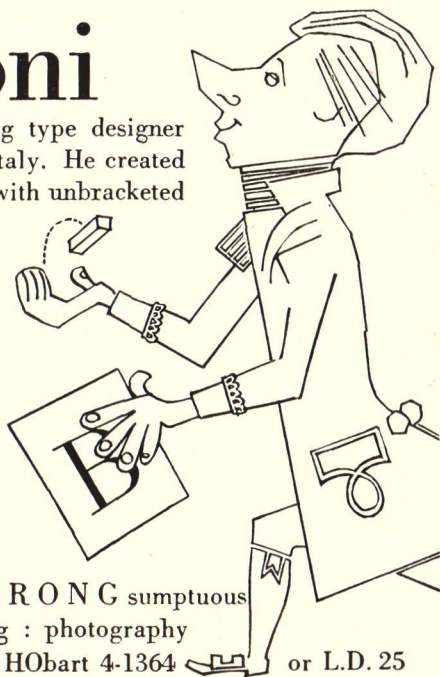
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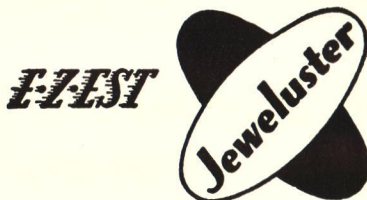
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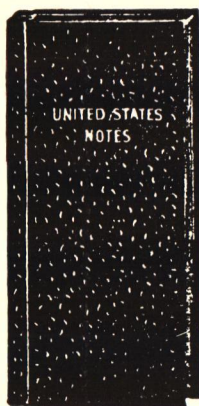
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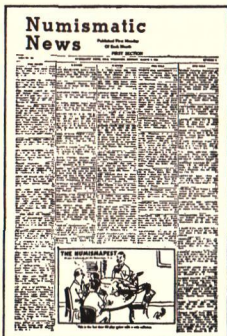
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